



**2019 Album of the Year – ALSR Celtic Music Awards**



**2019 Album of the Year - Livvies Awards – Live Ireland**



**2018 Concert of the Year - Livvies Awards – Live Ireland**



**Vocal/Instrumental album of the year - Live Ireland Music Awards 2017**



**Vocal/Instrumental album of the year - Top TIR Irish American News**



**Best New Sound – Best of the Year Awards Chicago Irish American News 2016 – Jack Baker**



**Best New Group – Live Ireland Music Awards 2016**



**New Group of the Year – Chicago Irish American News 2016**

Hailing from the cities of Armagh and Derry and are made up of **Ciara McCafferty** (vocals), **Ciaran Carlin** (Flute/Whistles) **Paul Starrett** (Guitar) **Emer Mallon** (Harp) and **Conor Mallon** (Uilleann Pipes/Whistles).

**Labelled as the Hottest New Group out of Northern Ireland**, (Chicago Irish American News) Connla have been quickly making an impact on the folk/traditional scene. Songlines magazine made Connla their **“must see act”** for the tour of the UK and stated **“A band this young shouldn’t be this good”**. Their sensitive and innovative arrangements of traditional and modern folk songs and tunes, have helped them create a sound which is very identifiable as Connla. Irish Music Magazine stated; **“Consider this your early warning system, there is something serious on the horizon and that creative storm is Connla”** (Irish Music Magazine)

The group is a full mix of musical knowledge, training and performance experience unheard of in a group this young. All are close friends and/or family who go way back together in the Northern musical scene. Each has won several performance awards. The resulting music is satisfyingly complex, yet directly and easily accessible. This is that rare group that is musically attractive to the experienced trad purist, as well as the music fan who knows nothing of the music. There is the mix in all of their music of great lift to the music and deep insights in the songs, all coupled with top musicianship and taste. Truth be told, it may never have been pulled off before by a group this young. Yesterday and tomorrow’s trad today. Here comes Connla!

## Links

### WATCH:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5zce6\\_WUC-s94VVBVTVX-w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5zce6_WUC-s94VVBVTVX-w)

### LISTEN:

<https://connla.bandcamp.com/album/the-next-chapter>

### REVIEWS:

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/music-reviews-chris-stout-catriona-mckay-ahlberg-ek-roswall-tryst-connla-1-4346465>

<http://www.irishmusicmagazine.com/releases/releases-august-2016/>

[http://www.folkwords.com/folkwordsreviews\\_99281.html](http://www.folkwords.com/folkwordsreviews_99281.html)

<http://www.folkradio.co.uk/2016/07/irish-traditonal-band-connla-new-video-uk-tour/>

<http://www.irishmusicmagazine.com/releases/releases-august-2015/>

<http://tradconnect.com/profiles/blogs/album-review-connla>

[http://www.folkwords.com/folkwordsreviews\\_94114.html](http://www.folkwords.com/folkwordsreviews_94114.html)

<http://brightyoungfolk.com/records/connla-ep-connla>

<http://liveireland.com/the-hottest-irish-music-group-connia/>

### Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Connlamusic>

### Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/Connlamusic>

### Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/connlamusic/>

### Website:

<http://connlamusic.com/>



## Press

**“A New Musical Powerhouse is among us. It is from Northern Ireland, and it is Connla. Wow!”**

(Irish Music Magazine)

**“A band this young shouldn’t be this good.”**

(Songlines Magazine)

**“Must see act.”**

(Songlines Magazine)

**“Intoxicating – their own musical heritage is superbly showcased”**

(R2 Magazine – Colin Bailey)

**“Folk sensations”**

(The Herald)

**“Irish Music at it’s best....A stunner!”**

(Irish Music Magazine)

**“It is a must have for you, not if you love Irish Music, but if you just love music.”**

(Live Ireland)

**“Space does not permit a list of our favorite Irish albums of all time, but River Waiting is now it.”**

(Irish American News)

**“Hear this album once and you’re hooked.”**

(Folkwords)

**“River waiting showcases the talent that Connla have ‘on-tap’”**

(Folkwords)

**“Wonderful”**

(Bob Harris, BBC Radio 2)

**“Innovative Composing”**

(Folkwords)

**“Their new album takes it to an all new level....A ground-breaking band in the making.”**

(Folk Radio UK)

**“Fresh, exciting and engaging.”**

(Folk Radio UK)

**“The Hottest New Group out of Northern Ireland”**

(Irish American News)

**“We could not recommend this group to highly enough. Big Future—written boldly.”**

(Irish American News)

**“Consider this your early warning system, there is something serious on the horizon and that creative storm is Connla”**

(Irish Music Magazine –Bill Margeson)

**“Excellent – tremendous!”**

(AmericanRootsUK)

**“Connla’s mix of instruments reminds me of the Chieftain’s, but Connla’s music is far more modern, edgy and dare I say it, exciting!”** (Irish Music Magazine –Sean Laffey)

**“One to Watch”**

(Tradconnect)

**“An Extraordinary Debut that promises much”**

(Folkwords)

**“Connla have launched something special”**

(Folkwords)

**“This is a brand New Group bursting forth on the scene. They are filled with youthful energy, combined with a veteran’s sense of arrangement, style and depth.”**

(Live Ireland)

**“A Major Discovery!”**

(Live Ireland)

**“It is impossible to sit still....the talents of the band are brilliantly showcased.”**

(Bright Young Folk)

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