



Galway Uke Fest 2024 - Flashmob information

This is the fifth Galway Uke Fest having first started in 2018. An ever increasingly popular element of the festival has been the Flashmob – where we appear briefly to perform a single song on the streets of Galway and then disperse...

Last year, we performed “N17” by Galway favourites The Sawdoctors – and the videos of this have reached over 1 million views on Facebook alone – much more when other social media platforms are considered. ...!

Here’s a link : <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/8bV3QsfN1XkhKoZT/?mibextid=WC7FNe> The bar has been set high – let’s see if we can do as well...

This year we have chosen “**Fisherman’s Blues**” by **The Waterboys**... Originally recorded in Spiddal House just outside Galway and released in 1988. For anyone not familiar with the song, check it out here – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4UQJwd3awQ> We will be basing our performance on this pretty much. Also – see song sheet provided...

On the day, the plans is as follows...

All intending participants should gather at **An Taibhdhearc theatre in Middle St Galway**. The time will be confirmed later – but likely 2:00pm – where we will spend 30 minutes explaining the plan for assembling and dispersing the flashmob and have a run through...

Then we go to the streets to perform... Plan is to perform the song twice. First time will be where **Shop St. / High St. / Mainguard St.** converge – near **Tigh Chóilí** pub. We will then disperse and reform as at **Cross St.** near **Tigh Neachtain / Dáil Bar** and perform the song again. Then we will disperse – all done...!

In terms of plan for gathering at each location, it is simply this... Each person will be allocated to a group, and given instructions as to where they should position themselves before joining the performance.

One or 2 individuals will start the performance, playing the introduction only. Participants will then filter in – gradually joining in the introduction, and when all have joined we will start the song in earnest. We will play to the end, and all will then disperse

It is hoped all participants will join in playing AND singing – but no pressure – do whatever you feel comfortable with.

Also – please note : you do not have to have memorised the song – we will have people scattered through the group with the songsheet printed on large sheet and hanging on their backs or else on cardboard on the ground – so you should be able to see the words / chords if needed.

For any further information on Galway Uke Fest 2024, please check our website – www.galwayukefest.com or email info@galwayukefest.com