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The Official Daniel O'Donnell Magazine September – November 2012



‘Songs From The
Movies *And More*’
NEW ALBUM released
October 22nd

SPECIAL FEATURE
on the opening of
Daniel's Visitor Centre

DANIEL HONoured
with ‘*The Freedom
of Donegal*’

Hello from Daniel

Hello there.

As always I hope things are good with you. As you know, I've had a lot of free time since I last wrote to you, but things are beginning to get busy again now. As I write these few lines, I am waiting on Fern Britton and a TV crew to arrive to record an interview. This will be for a show called 'Fern Meets', which is scheduled to go out on BBC 1 in December.



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I've had a lovely summer. I got to do my Irish classes as I had planned and although I'm still not fluent, I'm a little more comfortable at trying to converse with people who speak our native language. I also got to do a few classes in Sean Nos dancing but I'm afraid I will not be exhibiting any steps in the near future. It is a very difficult art to master but I'll keep at it. I hope to get the chance to do the same courses next summer.

Even though I was off most of the time I did get to do a few shows. One in Clonmany as part of an open air festival, which I enjoyed very much and there was a great atmosphere at it. We also had our week in Killarney and it was a tremendous success. People travelled from all corners of the World, maybe you were there and if so I hope you enjoyed it.

Tomorrow I travel to Spain to take part in a show celebrating Philomena Begley's 70th birthday and her 50 years in show business. As many of you know, Philomena is one of our best known female country singers in Ireland and she holds the title of "Ireland's Queen of Country Music". I've always been a great fan of hers, so I am thrilled to be part of this great celebration.

Those of you outside of Ireland may not know of the great excitement we have in Donegal at the moment. Our county team will play Mayo next Sunday in the all Ireland football final. By the time you read this, the result will be known and it is my hope that the cup called the "Sam Maguire" will be resident in Donegal for the next year. This competition takes place every year, it's 20 years since we last won the cup, so you can imagine the excitement. Unfortunately I will not be present on the day as I will already be in America, but I will have a close ear to our local radio station 'Highland Radio', to hear the game.

My reason for being in America is to take part in the Host Fest in Minot, North Dakota. This is our 3rd time at this wonderful festival, so we are looking forward to it. We will also travel to the Iowa public television station to do a show. These shows will be recorded and aired on PBS. Those of you in America and Canada - check with your local PBS station for information.

On returning from America the Irish TV station "tg4" will record a show in the Millennium Forum in Derry City on the 7th October - celebrating my 30 years in the business. I'll be joined on the show by Mary Duff, Marc Roberts, Michael English & Lisa McHugh. This show will be aired on tg4

on Christmas evening. Oops, that's the first mention of Christmas and we still have three and a half months to go.

I then go on to Glasgow to the Royal Concert Hall to do our shows there on the 9th and 10th of October. After that Majella and I will have a short break in Tenerife and I will return to do some promotional work for this year's album release on October 22nd in the UK & Ireland. I may have told you in the last letter, but just in case I didn't, the album this year is called "Songs From The Movies And More". My reason for recording this type of album at this time is because, in 2014 the possibility of going to Vienna to record a show for public television is being explored. I have always loved the movie 'The Sound Of Music' and my promoter in America, who has strong links with Austria, has suggested we should record a show using some of the songs from the movie - in the country where the von Trapp family originated. As well as the songs from The Sound Of Music, we will feature songs from other movies like 'Singin' In The Rain, Somewhere My Love, Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head and The Black Hills Of Dakota, to name but a few. I hope you enjoy the CD and if it happens to go in the charts in the UK, it will mean that I've had an album in the UK charts at sometime every year for the past 25 years. Thank you for making that possible.

After that, it's off to Branson - from 1st November until 8th December. Now, I'm sure that many of you have probably heard that the Tri Lakes Theatre has gone into liquidation. However, our shows will still go ahead as planned and tickets that are already bought will be honoured for the shows. The theatre is now called the Branson Events Centre. So I'll look forward to seeing you there.

My mother has just had another spell in hospital but she is recovering well and expected home any day now. There has also been another addition to the extended family, my brother James, his son Paul and his wife Bronwyn gave birth to their second child, a little boy called Daire.

I don't think there is much more news at the minute, so until the next time...

Take care and god bless.



Daniel's Diary...



Brian Kennedy, Sinead O'Connor & Daniel



Daniel & Mary O'Hara



Daniel & Keith Duffy



Daniel, Theresa Lowe, Mary Byrne



Sharon Shannon, Daniel, Imelda May, Imeldas parents

PHENOMENAL is one word that can describe the success of the five concerts by Daniel that attracted 10,000 fans to the INEC in Killarney, Ireland in mid-August.

The shows were sold out weeks; some of them months in advance. Daniel's fans proved that music can lift the spirits and help many forget the woes, even for a few hours. Buying a house, for a holiday retreat, on the island where his mother was born, was another positive for Daniel during the summer. But, as he explains later in this diary, a lot of refurbishment still has to be carried out on the cottage. Purchasing this property in a place that is close to his heart, as well as the sold-out Irish concerts, were just two of many highlights for him during the past few months.

"It was quite astounding the distances people travelled to the concerts. I met people from New Zealand, Canada, Australia, America, a couple from Norway decided to make the trip after they heard me on Scandinavian satellite radio. Of course fans were there too from all over the UK and Ireland. Some made a holiday out of it and it was great to meet and greet so many afterwards. Even though I will tour next year, Ireland in August, the UK in October as well as America a little later, plus Australia and New Zealand in March 2014 perhaps after that I might do another residency similar to what we did in Killarney this year."

Since the last magazine Daniel's mother Julia also celebrated her 93rd birthday on July 15th. Even though she was ill a few times during the year she was in fine fettle for the birthday party.

"We had a nice time. We took her to lunch in the bistro beside the visitor centre in Dungloe and she enjoyed it. We also went with her to Bingo in the town that night as well."

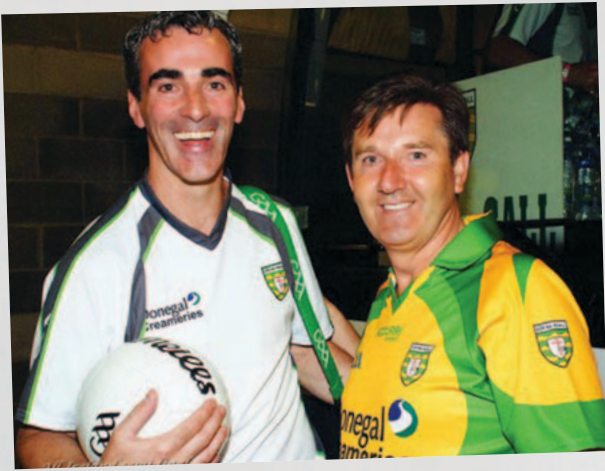
Meanwhile Daniel and Majella were guests on a waterbus trip in Donegal Bay for an afternoon during the summer. The organisers sold tickets for the trip to raise funds for the local children's band.

"We had a lovely afternoon, we sang a few songs and had some photos taken and a good time was had by all."

When Mairead Ni Mhaonaigh from the Trad-Folk group Altan was recording a show on location for TV, about Ulster and its people and places, she chose Daniel as one of her guests and that session was recorded on Owey Island.

"We sang 'The Homes of Donegal' just with guitar accompaniment and some of it was done in the Irish language. I also flew to Birmingham in the UK to help raise awareness for the work being done by an organisation for Irish emigrants. The aim of that event was to show that Irish people, who have done well in this part of the UK, and in other parts, are also willing to help others from their homeland who may not have been so successful. I was delighted to be asked to launch the campaign."

Daniel made countless TV appearances during the summer and among those was



Daniel and Jim McGuinness



Daniel and some of the Donegal team after their qualifying game to All Ireland

his "Live from Nashville" show which was screened by TV 3 in Ireland in mid-August. He was also a surprise celebrity chef on the RTE 1 TV show "Surf 'n' Turf" and his team came out on tops for cooking on that programme which was recorded in Donegal.

He was very witty on that TV show and even though the format was far removed from his usual TV appearances Daniel proved that he is an all-round entertainer with his humorous remarks, and perhaps his culinary skills? He also says he enjoyed being on the TV programme to mark the 50th anniversary of 'The Late Late Show' in Ireland.

"That was a great evening and the show's hosts over the years, Gay Byrne, Pat Kenny and Ryan Tubridy as well as many of the guests were present. It was nice to meet up with singers Mary O'Hara, Sinéad O'Connor, Brian Kennedy, songwriter Shay Healy and many others again."

Daniel is looking forward to going to Spain as special guest during a festival organised by Philomena Begley's fan club to mark her 50th anniversary as a singer and her 70th birthday.

"I've always enjoyed Philomena's singing and she was one of the singers that I followed a lot during my dancing days. Even though when I told her that I wanted to be a singer, while I was still at college, she advised me to 'stick to the books'. We often have a good laugh about that now."

The fundraising event at the end of May, 'Relay for Life', for which Daniel played his part by recording a charity single with Marc Roberts, was a massive success. All the events, including the release of the song, 'I'll See This Journey Through' raised in excess of £380,000 for the Irish Cancer Society.

Even though he was so busy with numerous events, including being honoured with the Freedom of Donegal, and the opening of the Visitor Centre in Dungloe, Daniel still found time for brushing up on his knowledge of the Irish language at a course during the summer.

"I enjoyed this immensely, even though I still have a lot to do to converse more fluently in Irish. Because I had the time off it was possible for me to attend the course this year. I hope to do so again

next year as we will not be touring until August and the course will take place again in July 2013."

Daniel also played a lot of golf during his time off during this summer and he and Majella also bought a house on Owey Island, near where his mother was born.

"Majella has been very involved in overseeing some renovations to the property. The island does not have electricity or piped water, so living there is a bit like moving back in time. It should be lovely to relax there but it will be next year before a lot of the work will be done on the house. Majella hopes to spend a lot of time there when I'm away touring. Her son Michael, who has just spent three weeks there, says he could live there and never leave the island as it is a place where one can totally chill out."

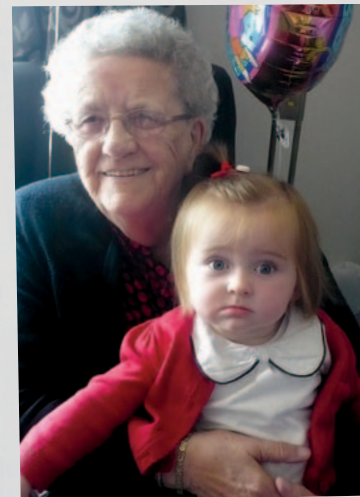
A lot of other houses on the island are being renovated, some by descendants of families who once lived there, and others by people who bought properties on the island. But nobody lives permanently on the island and most people just spend time there during the summer.



Julia's 93rd Birthday Cake



Julia's Birthday with friends and family



Julia and Great Grand-daughter Emily



Daniel at the Irish in Birmingham event



Mairead Ni Mhaonaigh, Daniel and Mauns Lunny

“While I can’t see myself spending a lot of time there it is still nice to have this house which is only two doors down from where my mother was born. Solar panels are used for power in some of the houses there and gas is also used for heating the homes and water for the bathrooms. The water is rainwater that is gathered from the roofs. So it’s another way of life – I suppose you could say that it is a more eco-friendly way of life. My cousins have done a great job on renovating my mother’s home on the island and it looks beautiful now.”

While the completion of work to make his island holiday home look equally beautiful is something to look forward to, Daniel is also looking forward to travelling to much busier places. The first of these trips is to Minot, ND, USA for the annual Norsk Hostfest on September 26th and 27th and then his next live concerts are in Glasgow’s Royal Concert Hall on October 9th and 10th. He will also be recording a show for Iowa Public Television after the Hostfest concerts and it may be sold to other PBS TV stations in the USA and Canada. He and Majella will have holidays for 10 days in Tenerife before he

heads to the UK for TV and radio promotion work on his new CD ‘Songs from the Movies and More’. After that he will perform at his lengthy stint of shows in the Branson Event Centre (formerly Tri Lakes Cnt) from November 1st to December 8th, excluding Thursdays and Sundays.

He is enthusiastic about the way all the songs have worked out for the new album.

“I’ve recorded songs from Westerns including ‘Red River Valley’, ‘The Black Hills Of Dakota’, ‘Home On The Range’ as well as other songs such as ‘Singin’ In The Rain’, ‘A Little Bitty Tear Let Me Down’ and many others. If this album makes the UK charts, which I hope it does, it will mean a quarter of a century of my albums being in the English charts at some time each year.”

Daniel is also looking forward to entertaining again on a Caribbean Cruise for Gertrude Byrne Promotions from February 10th to 17th next year.

“I met a lot of people in Killarney at the concerts who said they might be going on the cruise and while there may be

a few places left, I would urge people to book quickly.”

Daniel has followed the fortunes of Donegal Gaelic footballers since his childhood years and he was elated when the team reached the All-Ireland final, for only the second time in 20 years, on Sunday August 26th.

“I was delighted to be at the match when they beat Cork by two points in the semi-final. The enjoyment that trainer Jim McGuinness and the team have given to us all has been tremendous. Of course I hope they win the Sam Maguire cup this year but even if they don’t they have improved so much in the last two years that Sam is definitely destined for Donegal in the near future,” he concluded.

Interestingly when Donegal last won the All-Ireland 20 years ago Daniel was also having his biggest UK Pop chart hit with ‘I Just Want To Dance With You’ – perhaps both Daniel and Donegal are destined to emulate that success again?

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Julia and Great Grandson Ryan



Daniel on the waterbus



Kieran Cavanagh (KCP Promoter), Shane O’Driscoll (Events Manager, INEQ), Daniel, John O’Donoghue (Director Gleneagles), Sean Reilly (Daniel’s Manager), Ken Cavanagh (KCP).

USA & Canada



SONGS FROM THE MOVIES AND MORE – OH MY!

As summer fades into fall excitement mounts for the new CD release by Daniel. Songs from the Movies and More features NEW recordings of charming tunes from popular musicals like, The Sound of Music and Singin' in the Rain, classic films

including, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid and Calamity Jane, plus additional chart-topping hits! Look for the album to arrive at retailers across North America on October 30th, 2012.

Relax "Fireside" With Daniel

Light up the holiday season with warm Christmas Wishes from Daniel. This first ever Yule Log DVD features charming holiday scenes from around the Christmas tree, a cozy cottage setting and the classic virtual fireplace. The DVD is complemented with background music featuring 15 holiday hits from Daniel. It's perfect for entertaining or spending a relaxing evening at home. Look for it in stores October 2, 2012.

*kindest Regards
Aimee Longato,*

DPTV MEDIA, LABEL MANAGER

Discover Series – Holiday Edition

Discover Daniel O'Donnell series is back again with a special Christmas offering, coming out October 2nd, 2012. Christmas Classics is the newest edition to this CD collection and features 6 holiday tracks, plus personal recollections from Daniel. Find out what Daniel's favourite Christmas gift is, cherished holiday memories, and traditions he follows yearly.

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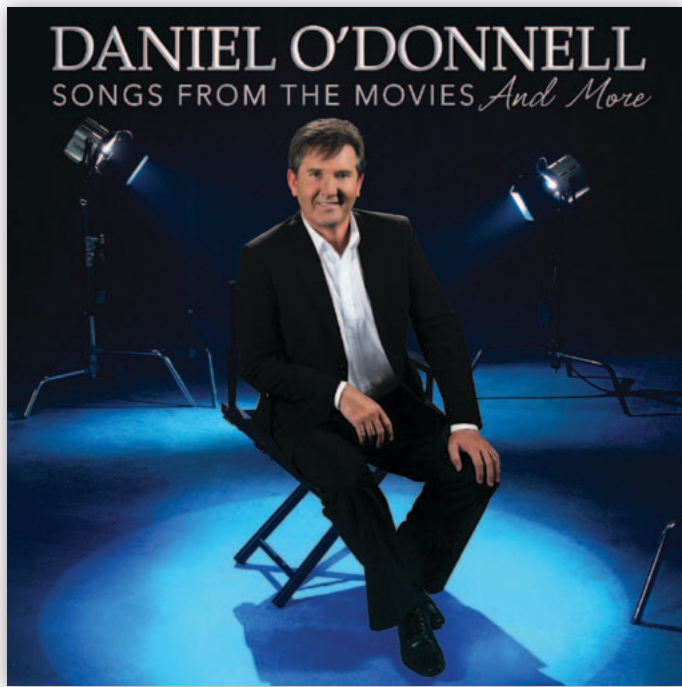


WHY NOT TREAT YOURSELF AND/OR YOUR LOVED ONES AGAIN IN 2013 TO A SPECTACULAR CRUISE AROUND THE CARRIBEAN WITH DANIEL. He enjoyed it that much earlier this year, he has decided to go back again for next years cruise. Once again it will be a one week cruise and will not only have Daniel on board to entertain and delight you, but a host of other top Irish artistes as well.

The MS Westerdam of the Holland America line is one of the best in their fleet and boasts a range of top class accommodation, a 5 Star Restaurant,

24 hr room service, poolside dining, a luxurious spa, a fabulous swimming pool and a range of activities to make your holiday one of the best you've ever had.

The cruise sets sail from Ft.Lauderdale, Florida on the 10th Feb 2013. You will visit the following breathtaking locations - Grand Turks, Turks & Caicos Islands / Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas & Virgin Islands / Phillipsburg, St.Maarten & Netherlands Antilles / Half Moon Cay, Bahamas during your trip, arriving back in Ft.Lauderdale on the 17th.



THE NEW ALBUM

'Songs From The Movies And More'

'Songs From The Movies And More' includes a selection of evergreens, as well as some songs from the Westerns. Some of the highlights from the album include Edelweiss from the Sound Of Music, Somewhere My Love from Dr. Zhivago, Black Hills Of Dakota from Calamity Jane, Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head from Butch Cassidy & The Sundance Kid, Red River Valley from Tombstone and many other songs, which I am sure you will be familiar with.

THE ALBUM WILL BE RELEASED in Ireland on Friday 19th October, UK on the Monday 22nd October. The album will also be released in Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada in October.

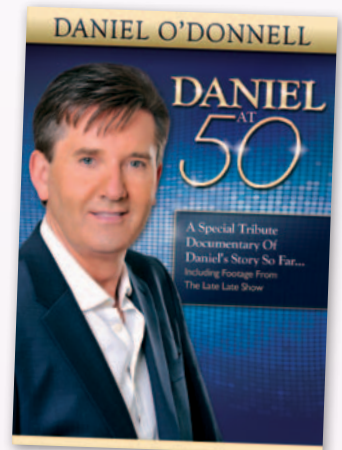
THE NEW DVD

DANIEL AT 50

This special RTE TV documentary celebrates Daniel's 50th birthday and 30 years in the music business. It features the many milestones in his personal life and career and the very special relationship he shares with his many fans all over the world.

It includes an intimate interview with Daniel and Majella, the annual tea party, his special wedding day in 2002, TV appearances including clips from Mrs Merton and This Is Your Life, concert show highlights including his sellout concert at Nashville's Ryman Auditorium, along with the special tribute to Daniel on Ireland's top tv entertainment show "The Late Late Show".

RELEASE DATE ~ 2nd November.



RE-PACKAGED RELEASES



The Ultimate Concert Collection

For all those fans out there who are interested in purchasing some of Daniel's back catalogue DVD's, this is the perfect chance and at a really super price! This 4 DVD box set features 4 live concerts - An Evening With, The Classic Concert, Follow Your Dream and Showtime.

Christmas with Daniel O'Donnell

Christmas With Daniel O'Donnell DVD and CD are now available together in one special DVD/CD pack. For those of you who have not yet seen this DVD here is some information. The DVD was filmed on location in Daniel's home place of Donegal back in 1996 and each song has a completely different setting. The CD features 15 songs from the DVD.



Full track listings are available on the Rosette website www.rosetterecords.com

DANIEL'S TV AND RADIO PROMOTION

Daniel will be in the UK to promote his new album between 22nd-25th October. Here are some of the confirmed TV and Radio shows. This is all the information we had at the time of going to print, so please check our website for further updates. Dates and times can also be subject to change.

Monday 22nd October: 8.00-9.00am - live interview with Premier Radio Breakfast Show - Presenter is John Pantry.

Tuesday 23rd October: 12.30-1.30pm - Daniel will be appearing on ITV Loose Women. This will be a chat and a performance of one of the songs from the new album.

Wednesday 24th October: 9.00am - Live appearance on QVC.

Date to be confirmed: Fern Meets - BBC 1 - a one-hour Special with Fern Britton talking about Daniel's career and his faith. This will transmit on BBC 1 between 10.00-11.00am on a Sunday morning. The actual transmission date has not yet been confirmed but it will be one of the four advent Sunday's leading up to Christmas, so it will be either 2nd Dec, 9th Dec, 16th Dec or 23rd Dec.

Standing room only as Daniel receives

The Freedom of Donegal



Daniel, one of Donegal's greatest ambassadors, was honoured in his home county by being given the Freedom of Donegal at a ceremony which took place at Donegal County Council's headquarters in Lifford.

A large crowd of family and friends gathered for what Daniel said was the biggest honour of his career. Even the Canadian ambassador, Loyola Ahern, whose wife is a dedicated fan of the star, turned up for the event, so that she could finally meet him.

Daniel becomes only the fifth person to receive the honour joining sport-stars Shay Given, Packie Bonner, songwriter Phil Coulter and the Brennan family from Clannad.

He received a specially commissioned badge and pin, which are reserved exclusively for those awarded the freedom of Co. Donegal. The badge, made by Letterkenny artist Geraldine Hannigan and mounted on a background designed by Fionntan Gogarty of Artworks, is a silver replica of the county badge which includes the O'Donnell clan cross.

Once again he made the headlines across the national media in Ireland as TV, radio and the press covered the ceremony in his home county where he was described as a great ambassador for Donegal. The RTE main TV news reported that the council chamber "was filled to overflowing" as Donegal's highest honour was conferred on the crooner from Kincasslagh. He was honoured for his musical achievements, his charity work and the ambassadorial role he has undertaken for Donegal for decades.

A number of speakers from all the political parties paid tribute to Daniel.

Mayor Noel McBride said; *"This honour is being made to one of our own – one of our greatest ambassadors – Daniel O'Donnell. It is for his achievements in music, what he has done for charity and his role as a wonderful ambassador. I hope it will reflect the great esteem in which the people of Donegal hold Daniel O'Donnell in,"* he said.

Daniel's light-hearted reply had the audience erupting in laughter.

"I am honoured to be here. It's a privilege that I never expected but I am thrilled and delighted. As I listen to everybody speaking today it's a privilege to be alive to hear these words that people only hear at their own funeral. I am honoured and humbled.

"I was very fortunate to have been born into the family I was born into and to live in the community I lived in and to have the

teachers I had and the various people who came into my life to form me to be the person I am today," said Daniel.

Singer-songwriter Pete St John, the writer of the Fields of Athenry said he was simply jealous of Daniel.

"He has won the hearts of a fanbase that most of us just wish we had. I came here to honour Daniel but also to beg him to sing one of my songs," he said jokingly.

Majella was also interviewed for the TV news coverage.

"To be honest, I think the award is definitely deserved because I've never seen anybody come out of a county and continue to promote it so much."

His sister Margo also joined in the comments for the RTE news.

"It's lovely to see Daniel getting these awards and my mother who is here beside me is very proud of him."

His mother Julia who looked resplendent in her blue coat on the occasion, also gave a comment for the cameras.

"I'm the one that should be getting the award," she said with a laugh.

The main evening TV news story concluded by stating that while Daniel has "a multitude of national and international awards" the honour bestowed on him by his native county is the most special.



Daniel & his niece Tricia



Daniel & his sister Kathleen



Julia O'Donnell is presented with flowers by the Mayors' wife, Rosemary McBride.



Mayor Noel McBride, Daniel & Pete St. John



Daniel, Majella, Olive and Sean Reilly



Daniel makes his speech



Donegal Mayor, Noel McBride, Daniel, Majella and Kathleen



Daniel, Majella and Donegal Mayor, Noel McBride



Daniel and Majella



Daniel & Majella with family and friends



RTE TV interview Majella



RTE TV interview Daniel's mum Julia



RTE TV interview Daniel



Family and friends

Daniel's Visitor Centre Opens in Dungloe

Opens in Dungloe

On May 7th Daniel officially opened the Daniel O'Donnell Visitor centre in his native Donegal and it made national news headlines on TV stations in Ireland as one of the country's biggest success stories of the year.



Daniel with 2011's Mary from Dungloe, Debbie Rodgers



Crowds gather to see Daniel



Daniel & Majella



Lisa McHugh, Daniel & Majella



Pat Gallagher, Marian Boyle, Receptionist at the Daniel O'Donnell Visitor Centre & Dinny McGinley, TD & Minister of State for Dept of Arts, Heritage & The Gaeltacht



The first thing visitors see is a short opening film summarising Daniel's career, from his humble roots in Kincasslagh through to his huge international acclaim as a singer and entertainer.

Visitors have been surprised at seeing details of the massive audiences that he has attracted to his concerts at many venues around the world and at the array of Gold, Platinum and Silver discs for record sales that are on display. The display of the "This is Your Life" book presented to him on the popular UK TV show, is a very nostalgic exhibit for many, and people have also expressed huge interest in the exhibits associated with his appearances at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville.

The wedding outfits worn by Daniel and Majella have also proved to be popular as is the white suit that he wore when he was



Tricia Doogan & Mary Duff

a member of his sister Margo's band. The TV room at the centre has lots of audio-visual clips of Daniel and the welcome clip is by International star Cliff Richard. Meanwhile many visitors, especially those from the UK and other Commonwealth countries have been highly complimentary of the Queen's MBE accolade, presented to him by Prince Charles. On a local level his "Donegal Person of the Year" award and items associated with his "Freedom of Donegal" award, bestowed on him by Donegal County Council on June 22nd, have also attracted a lot of attention.

"Of course it is great to have so many of Daniel's devoted fans come here to visit but it has been a big surprise for us that so many of the visitors have come here out of curiosity. They had seen the story about the centre either on TV or heard it on radio or read about it in newspapers in their homelands. They will often say to us that they were visiting some other part of Ireland and as they had read, or heard about the centre in the media, they decided that it was worth a visit. That is great for tourism in this area," says Pat Gallagher.

The centre is now closed for the winter months but it has been so successful in attracting visitors from May to September this year that the promoters now plan to open it earlier next year on St Patrick's Day, March 17th 2013. It will be open 7 days a week from 10 am to 6 pm. Cabaret nights at the Visitor Centre in Dungloe featuring Mary Duff as well as Ronnie, Nigel and Steve from Daniel's band have also proved to be a big hit with the visitors. Some of those cabaret nights will continue during the winter season.

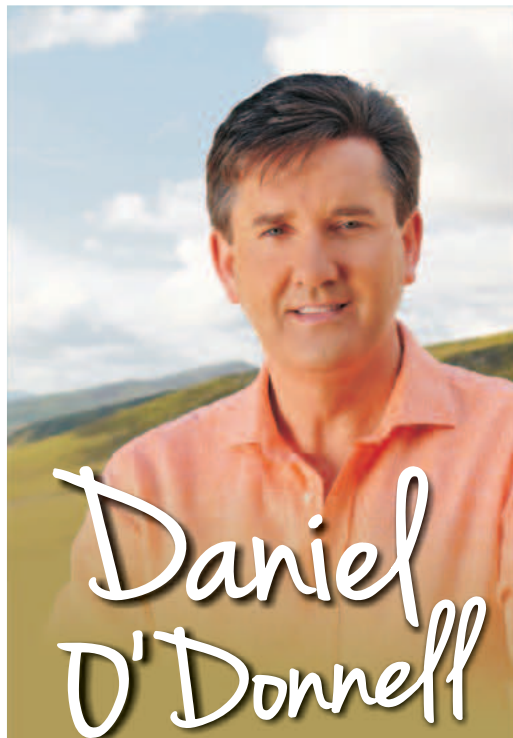
During Daniel's recent series of concerts in Killarney, Co. Kerry, several tour groups were brought over from the USA & Canada for the shows, mainly Pat Gallagher's My Tours, Kevin Lonseth's MET Tours and Peter Whittaker's group, some of whom then decided that they wanted to see the Visitor Centre in Dungloe and this was organized for them. Pat Gallagher will be taking another group of Americans on a similar tour of Ireland in August 2013. But the exciting news for 2014 is that Pat is going to reverse the touring trend from "down under" as he plans to organise a tour of fans from Australia and New Zealand to come to Ireland and see Daniel in concert as well as going to his visitor centre.

Ironically the building that once housed the Northern Bank was the very bank that Daniel went to 1983 to borrow the money for his first band van. Now the bank has gone and the building is a tribute to Daniel.

Daniel is anxious that the centre should not be seen as a museum as he is still here and still has plenty of life left in him!

One leading national newspaper in Ireland summed up the centre very well. It stated that Memphis has Gracelands, Nashville has the Grand Ole Opry, but Donegal can now rival them all with the Daniel O'Donnell Visitor Centre. So if you haven't been to the centre in Donegal then you aint seen nothing yet!

The Daniel O'Donnell Visitor's Centre, Main Street, Dungloe, Co. Donegal, Ireland. Email – info@danielodonnellvisitorcentre.com
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Daniel O'Donnell

IRISH
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WED 14th **TLT, DROGHEDA**
ROI: 041 9878560 / UK: 00 353 41 9878560

THU 15th **WATERFRONT, BELFAST**
ROI: 04890 334455 / UK: 02890 334455

SAT 17th **LEISURELAND, GALWAY**
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MON 19th **SLIEVE RUSSELL HOTEL, BALLYCONNELL**
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TUE 20th **LYRATH ESTATE HOTEL, KILKENNY**
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THU 22nd **MILLENNIUM FORUM, DERRY**
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SAT 24th **ROYAL THEATRE, CASTLEBAR**
Ticketmaster ROI: 0818 719300 / UK: 00353 14569569

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TICKETS
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APRIL 6th
2013

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*Boy have we got some great news for you!
So many exciting things to report on from
Australia and New Zealand.*

First as many of you have been holding your breath in anticipation, Yes Daniel is touring our way again! It has been confirmed, Daniel will return to our great part of the world in March 2014. Following the outstanding support by you there was no way Daniel could let you down. 2014 might seem like a lifetime for some so we move on to our next big announcement!

October will see the release of a brand new album called 'Songs from the Movies and more'. Its sure to make the wait for the tour a bit easier! The album features classic hits such as 'That's Amore,' 'Don't Fence Me In,' 'Singin' In The Rain,' 'Edelweiss' and more... But wait there's more...

In time for the release of 'Songs from the Movies and more' for Christmas, there will also be a special release DVD featuring interviews with Daniel done in

Australia during the 2010 & 2012 Tours. The project is for raising money for the community TV program Country Crossroads which airs on Foxtel's Aurora 183 Channel. The DVD features over 45mins of interviews with Daniel discussing topics like Daniel's Early Years, Career Highlights, Daniels Fans, The Ups and Downs, Daniel and Mary plus many other topics. It's a great insight into the life and times of Daniel O'Donnell.

Australian and NZ Fans will be able to get it over the phone or online at T Music Online. Phone 02 9437 6936 or at www.tmusiconline.com International Fans via www.tmusiconline.com Worldwide delivery.

So there you are, lots of exciting news and releases!

Until the Next Time,
John Evans



Photo sent in by June Payne with fellow fan club members on the Pat Gallagher Tour before going to the Brisbane Concert on St Patrick's Day 2012



Daniel cuts the ribbon to officially open the hotel



Daniel performs at the street festival

Daniel officially opens THE TALBOT HOTEL

The roadblock, manned by security on the main route into the picturesque Mayo coastal town of Belmullet, signalled a special event. Up ahead, hundreds of people were flocking to the main thoroughfare outside the town's swish Talbot Hotel.

Had Barack Obama discovered new Irish roots and come to town on a visit? The pent up excitement in Belmullet was akin to Monegall when the American President dropped in.

Shortly after 7pm, there was an explosion of applause from the elated gathering of young and old as a familiar figure dressed smartly in a white striped jacket over a black shirt and pants glided across an outdoor stage. Ireland's favourite crooner Daniel O'Donnell had come to town, taking a trip back in time to the days when he played local ballrooms on his road to superstardom.

Daniel entertained the crowd with songs and jokes for two hours – then posed for photographs with everyone who queued to meet him after the show.

Earlier in the afternoon, Daniel and his wife, Majella, entered into the festive spirit in Belmullet when they joined in the fun of the fair by rolling around in water zorbs, to much laughter from on-lookers.

The street party was organised by Tom and Orla Talbot, who invited Daniel to Belmullet to officially open their year-old, ultra-modern, four-star boutique Talbot hotel .

"Majella and myself are planning to come back to the hotel for a private break because we love it here," Daniel later revealed. The owners, Tom and Orla, are a lovely young couple and they have built a very unusual hotel that is absolutely gorgeous. I'm sure, as they were doing it, there were many times they thought, 'We're crazy in this recession,' but I think to succeed in business you have to have a wee crazy streak. If you never step outside the box, you'll never see the view outside. I take my hat off to them," said Daniel.

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Daniel & Majella with Orla and Tom Talbot



Daniel in the water zorb



Majella in the water zorb

Daniel & Friends



Ann Lucas with Daniel in Bournemouth



Bernadette O'Sullivan and her mum with Daniel in Killarney



Colleen Kolosche with Daniel in Adelaide



Daniel with Valerie Green in Perth



Jenny Pengelly from Cornwall meeting Daniel in Australia



Linda Nazelrod from the USA with Daniel on her first visit to the UK



Mary Ellen Hendry with Daniel



Heather Shue and Carol Anderson with Daniel on the Caribbean Cruise



Mary Anne Borinsky with Daniel in Wilkes Barre 2011



Vera Lange with her family and Daniel in Branson



Mary Sansome with Daniel in Bournemouth



Mona Madsen with Daniel in Brisbane



Sylvia Burden with Daniel in Bournemouth



Judith Bishop & Daniel in Adelaide



Wendy Gott and Daniel in Bournemouth



Norma Robinson with Daniel in Invercargill

Suzanne's Column

Hello to everyone and I hope you have had a great summer, whether you stayed at home to watch the amazing Olympics or headed off to the sunshine.

I managed to get a glimpse of the Olympic torch as it was carried through Harrow and I also managed to head off to the sunshine at the end of August. It was great to get a break before the busy autumn and to spend time away with my family.

Even though Daniel has taken time off, he has had a busy few months. He has been involved in many charity events and in May of this year he officially opened the 'Daniel O'Donnell Visitor Centre' in Dungloe. Inside the centre the story of Daniel's life is told through displays, videos and exclusive memorabilia to show the progress of his international career over the last 30 years. In June he was delighted to be honoured in his home county by being given the 'Freedom of Donegal'. The honour was given for his achievements in music, his charity work and his role as a wonderful ambassador for the county.

In August Daniel performed to over 10,000 people at his phenomenally successful concerts at the INEC in Killarney. If you attended any of these events or are planning to attend the shows in Minot or Glasgow and have any photographs or would like to tell us all about your experience, we would be delighted to receive them and share them with other fan club members. He also spent the middle part of the year recording his new album called 'Songs From The Movies And More' which includes a selection of evergreens, as well as songs from the westerns. We hope you all enjoy the album and look forward to hearing your comments!



Lois Pilgrim with a copy of Daniel's This is Your Life Tribute



Helena Lord with Noreen Dennis, her family and Daniel & Majella

I have had so many letters and e-mails once again for my column and I will start with one from Helena Lord who went to Daniel's concert with Noreen Dennis (92) and her family. Helena has seen Daniel eight times and wrote to say how much she enjoyed reading the magazine cover to cover.

Lois Pilgrim from Australia had emailed to helping hand to say she was looking for a copy of Daniel's 'This Is Your Life' tribute. It just so happened that we had received a letter at the same time from a lady who had a copy and wanted to give it away. We put the two parties in touch and Lois wrote the following: I am forever grateful to the fan club... I not only was able to get a copy, but a new friend also in Sussex.. thank you Doreen Flowers and once again thank you to the power of the fan club.

Clare Carroll sent a photo in of her good friends Lorraine and John McClintock with Daniel in Melbourne; they met through their love of Daniel. John has not been well but they managed to take him to see Daniel. Mrs Chapman who has been going to see Daniel for years wrote to say how much she enjoyed the show at Bournemouth and how the second part of the show with the band members taking part was most enjoyable. Our last letter is from J North who went to Killarney and had a very enjoyable time.



Lorraine and John McClintock

Many thanks to you all for writing to us and I hope you keep writing and sending your photo's in.

One final bit of news... you can now follow Daniel on facebook. This web address will bring you straight to the page www.facebook.com/DanielODonnellOfficial

Until the next time...

Suzanne

DANIEL TOUR DATES 2012/13

TICKETS ON SALE

OCTOBER 2012

TUE 9TH, WED 10TH **GLASGOW** ROYAL CONCERT HALL 0141 353 8000 www.glasgowconcerthalls.com **ON SALE NOW**

NOVEMBER 2012

THU 1ST - SAT 3RD, **BRANSON, MO** BRANSON EVENT CENTRE (417) 336 0219 www.trilakescenter.com **ON SALE NOW**
 MON 5TH - WED 7TH, FRI 9TH - SAT 10TH, (FORMERLY THE TRI LAKES CENTRE)
 MON 12TH - WED 14TH, FRI 16TH - SAT 17TH,
 MON 19TH - WED 21ST, MON 26TH - WED 28TH, FRI 30TH

DECEMBER 2012

SAT 1ST, MON 3RD - **BRANSON, MO** BRANSON EVENT CENTRE (417) 336 0219 www.trilakescenter.com **ON SALE NOW**
 WED 5TH, FRI 7TH - SAT 8TH, (FORMERLY THE TRI LAKES CENTRE)

FEBRUARY 2013

SUN 10TH TO SUN 17TH **CARIBBEAN CRUISE** (3 Shows) **SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE INFORMATION** **ON SALE NOW**

AUGUST 2013

TUE 6TH, WED 7TH **BUNDORAN** GT.NORTHERN HOTEL 071 98 41204 (From S.Ireland) 00 353 71 98 41204 (From UK) **3 Dec 2012**
(Please Note: New On Sale date for Bundoran)

FRI 9TH, SAT 10TH **CORK** OPERA HOUSE 021 427 0022 (From S.Ireland) www.corkoperahouse.ie **6 April 2013**
 00 353 21 427 0022 (From UK)
 MON 12TH **WEXFORD** OPERA HOUSE 053 91 22144 (From S.Ireland) www.wexfordoperahouse.ie **6 April 2013**
 00 353 91 22144 (From UK)
 WED 14TH **DROGHEDA** THE TLT 041 98 78560 (From S.Ireland) www.thetlt.ie **6 April 2013**
 00 353 41 98 78560 (From UK)
 THU 15TH **BELFAST** WATERFRONT HALL 028 90 334 455 (From UK) www.waterfront.co.uk **6 April 2013**
 048 90 334 455 (From S.Ireland)
 SAT 17TH **GALWAY** LEISURELAND 0818 719 300 (From S.Ireland) www.ticketmaster.ie **6 April 2013**
 00 353 14 569 569 (From UK)
 MON 19TH **BALLYCONNELL** SLIEVE RUSSELL HOTEL 049 952 6444 (From S.Ireland) **6 April 2013**
 00 353 49 952 6444 (From UK)
 TUE 20TH **KILKENNY** LYRATH HOTEL 0818 719 300 (From S.Ireland) www.ticketmaster.ie **6 April 2013**
 00 353 14 569 569 (From UK)
 THU 22ND **DERRY** MILLENIUM FORUM 028 71 264 455 (From UK) www.millenniumforum.co.uk **6 April 2013**
 048 71 264 455 (From S.Ireland)
 SAT 24TH **CASTLEBAR** ROYAL THEATRE 0818 719 300 (From S.Ireland) www.ticketmaster.ie **6 April 2013**
 00 353 14 569 569 (From UK)
 SUN 25TH **LIMERICK** U.C.H. 061 331 549 (From S.Ireland) www.uch.ie **6 April 2013**
 00 353 61 331 549 (From UK)

OCTOBER 2013

SAT 5TH, SUN 6TH **INVERNESS** EDENCOURT 01463 234 234 www.eden-court.co.uk **6 April 2013**
 TUE 8TH **GLASGOW** ROYAL CONCERT HALL 0141 353 8000 www.glasgowconcerthalls.com **13 April 2013**
 WED 9TH **GATESHEAD** THE SAGE 0191 443 4661 www.thesagegateshead.org **6 April 2013**

THU 10TH **HARROGATE** INTERNATIONAL CENTRE 01423 502 116 www.harrogatetheatre.co.uk **13 April 2013**
Note: Please note that there is no longer a box office @ the International Centre. Therefore tickets are being sold by the Harrogate Theatre for this event.

FRI 11TH **BIRMINGHAM** SYMPHONY HALL 0121 345 0600 / 0800 358 7070 Groups 10+ www.thsh.co.uk **6 April 2013**
 0121 780 4949 Disabled / Special needs

SUN 13TH, MON 14TH **NORWICH** THEATRE ROYAL 01603 630 000 www.theatreroyalnorwich.co.uk

Note: On sale to friends of The Theatre Royal on 4th of May and everyone else on the 11th of May.

TUE 15TH **CROYDON** FAIRFIELD HALLS 0208 688 9291 www.fairfield.co.uk **6 April 2013**

WED 16TH **EASTBOURNE** CONGRESS THEATRE 01323 412 000 / 01323 411 555 Credit Card Bookings www.eastbournetheatres.co.uk **13 April 2013**

FRI 18TH **PLYMOUTH** PLYMOUTH PAVILIONS 0845 146 1460 www.plymouthpavilions.com **6 April 2013**

Note: The box office at the venue is no longer open to the public. Tickets can only be purchased over the phone or on line. But, the venue are supplying a phone in their reception area that is linked directly to the Box office and fans who queue at the venue will be able to use this to book their tickets, strictly on a 1st come 1st served basis. Both Daniel and his management apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but this matter is beyond their control.

SAT 19TH **CARDIFF** ST.DAVID'S HALL 02920 878 444 www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk **13 April 2013**

SUN 20TH **MANCHESTER** LOWRY THEATRE 0843 208 6000 / 0843 208 6003 Gourps 10+ www.thelowry.com **6 April 2013**

MON 21ST **LLANDUDNO** VENUE CYMRU 01492 872 000 / 01492 872 001 Groups 10+ www.venuecymru.co.uk **13 April 2013**

BRANSON 2013 **SPECIAL NOTE:** CONCERT DATES & VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED IN YOUR DECEMBER BULLETIN. PLEASE BEAR WITH US WHILST WE SORT OUT THE TOUR DATES FOR BRANSON. REST ASSURED THE CONCERTS WILL GO AHEAD, BUT THE VENUE MAY CHANGE, THAT IS ALL. BOTH DANIEL AND HIS MANAGEMENT SINCERELY APOLOGIES FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE OR UPSET THIS MAY CAUSE.

NOTE: U.K. DATES Ticket restrictions are in force at all Daniel U.K. concerts. They vary considerably, so please ring the Box Office before going to queue for your tickets. Also some venues will have more than one point of sale and not all venues will open their phone lines at the same time as the box office opens to the public. Check with them also nearer the time in case of cancellations. If dialling from the U.K. to the Rep. Of Ireland the dialling code is 00-353, then drop the 0 at the beginning to the local code, eg: Cork 00-353-21-Number. All details correct as at time of going to print.