

The Irish musical tradition

Ana, Danuta, Agita, Aga, Jelka

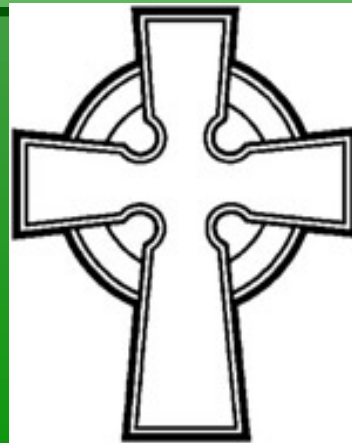
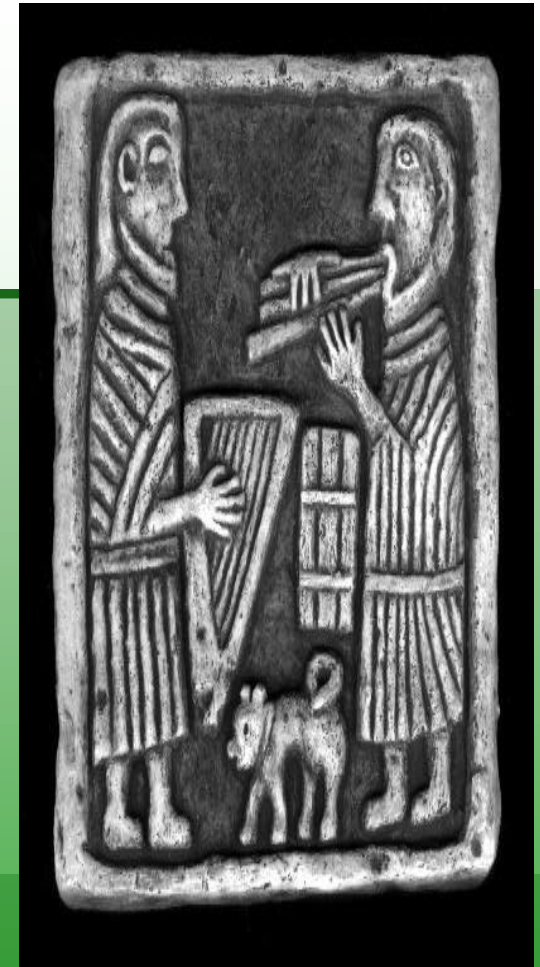
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Where do you think this type of music comes from?

Thig crìoch air
saoghai, ach
mairidh gaol is céol



When did it originate?



THE CELTS

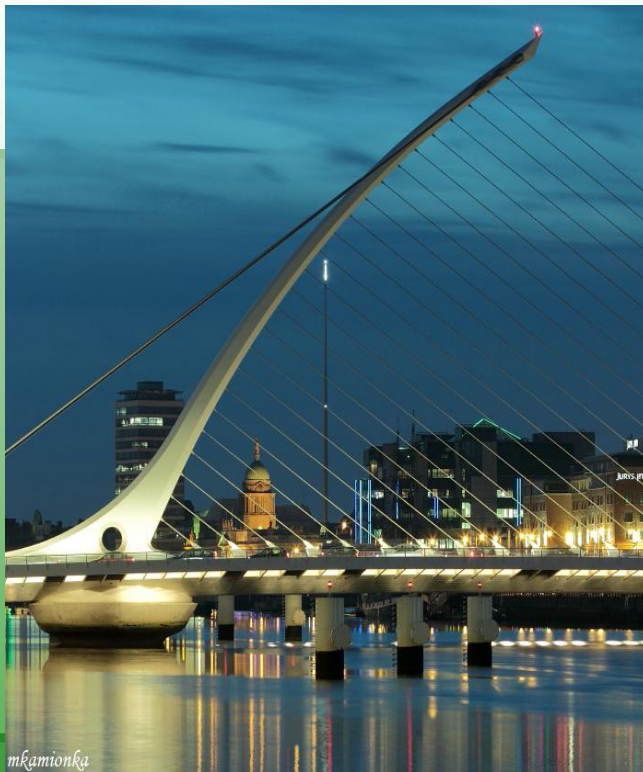


- They were tribes tied by a similar language, religion and culture that lived in several parts of Europe during the Iron Age and during the Middle Ages
- They were warriors but they also loved music
- These tribes migrated because they were being attacked by Julius Caesar and by Germanic tribes and settled down in places like Ireland
- Irish traditional music originated from the Celts about 2000 years ago



The harp – a Symbol of Ireland

Coat of arms of Ireland



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THE HARP

- An ancient type of harp appears in documents written by Irish monks in the 8th century.
- It was also shown in coins made during the 1500s.
- The harp was also used as a symbol in the Irish Rebellion of 1798.
- It is the oldest official symbol of Ireland.
- Nowadays, It appears on Irish coins. The harp became the trademark of Guinness, the Irish most famous beer, in 1862.



Traditional Irish Musical Instruments



Fiddle
(violin)

Whistle (flute)



Uilleann pipes

Harp



Concertina
(accordion)



Banjo

Bodhrán



Bouzouki
(mandolin)

Ukulele



Harmonica

Music on the street





do they play it

can you learn it

WHERE ?



Follow up activity : discussion

1. Imagine you are in Ireland. Where can you go if you want to _____ listen to traditional Irish music? Name 3 places.
2. Where would you go if you wanted to learn to play a traditional Irish instrument?
3. Would you like to learn to play traditional Irish music? Which instrument? Why?



**Irish traditional music
and Rock&Roll -
from Dubliners, Thin Lizzy,
the Pogues to Metallica
and Dexys**

