



## Seán O'Meara Kicks Off UK & Ireland Tour With the ollam On Jan. 25

*All-Ireland Fleadh Winner On Guitar With Award-Winning Group,  
Will Open Three Dates With Solo Set*

*Sample Seán O'Meara's Music Here:*

"Feelin' Ain't Right" [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ow62WYeXmLc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ow62WYeXmLc)

"Free" Live at Millennium Theatre [www.youtube.com/watch?v=wiylu7PMPME](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wiylu7PMPME)

"Gold" [www.youtube.com/watch?v=R9jN0NSywwM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R9jN0NSywwM)



**DUBLIN (Jan. 25, 2024)** — Internationally renowned musician, composer, and singer-songwriter **Seán O'Meara** joins RTÉ Best Folk Group winner **the ollam** for its 10-date UK/Ireland tour, kicking off today, Thursday, Jan. 25, in Leeds.

O'Meara — who won the All-Ireland Fleadh in 2012 and has played in more than 20 countries across five continents, in concert halls, stadiums, festivals and historic music venues — will play guitar for the whole of the band's tour, and open shows in Belfast, Cork, and Derry with a solo set.

"Looking forward to hitting the stage in Leeds tonight," says Limerick native O'Meara, who's played with and opened for artists including **Sting, David Gray, Bob Geldof** and more. "This is our first of a 10-show tour... The band is in good shape, we're all delighted to be on the road together and very grateful that we get to play this music every night!"

For tickets and more information visit: [www.theollam.com](http://www.theollam.com).

### **UK/Ireland Tour dates:**

#### **January**

- 25 Leeds Brudenell Social Club, with Siomha [tickets](#)
- 26 Manchester Band on the Wall, with Siomha [tickets](#)
- 27 Glasgow Barrowland Ballroom: Celtic Connections Festival, with RURA (**Sold out**)
- 28 Liverpool Arts Club, with Siomha [tickets](#)
- 29 Bristol Beacon Lantern, with Siomha [tickets](#)
- 30 London Jazz Café, with Siomha (**Sold out**)
- 31 Belfast Black Box [tickets](#)

#### **February**

- 01 Cork Cyprus Avenue [tickets](#)
- 03 Derry Guildhall: Lúmináre Festival [tickets](#)
- 04 Dublin Vicar Street, with Siomha [tickets](#)

### **About Seán O'Meara**

Seán O'Meara is a musician, composer, singer-songwriter from Limerick. In a short period of time, he has racked up an extensive musical bio. Seán went on his first tour at the age of 16, and has been a multi-genre touring musician and recording artist since. His background is rooted in rock, pop, classical and Traditional Irish music. Since winning the All-Ireland Fleadh in 2012, Seán has gone on to gig and tour all over the world. He has played in over 20 countries across 5 continents in concert halls, stadiums, festivals and historic music venues.

He has played with and opened for some huge household names including dignitaries and Presidents. Some of these include: Bob Geldof, Cory Wong, David Gray, Damien Mullane, Denise Chaila, Gavin James, Hermitage Green, Martin Hayes, Máirtín O'Connor, Michael D Higgins, Mike Hanrahan, Niamh Farrell, Ralph McTell, Strange Boy, Steve Cooney and Sting (The Police).

He's made several television appearances in Ireland, UK and US (BBC Alba, PBS, RTÉ1, RTÉ2, Fleadh TV, TG4, Virgin Media, WVA) as well as several radio appearances in Ireland, Germany, UK and USA. He has an impressive online presence, accumulating millions of streams on YouTube with various musical projects. Seán managed to balance his busy touring schedule with his studies at the Irish World Academy in UL, where he graduated in 2018.

Seán has been teaching with Music Generation Limerick as well as lecturing in both the Masters and PHD courses for Classical and Traditional Irish Music in UL.

Seán has been writing and producing music for the last number of years and released his first original songs in 2019. Seán has just released the first song from his debut album, which will be available next year. He has appeared on many albums and singles, with lots more in the pipeline. As well as his own band, Seán currently tours with the ollam (RTÉ Best Folk Group) and formerly Boxing Banjo.

He released albums with both bands last year.

### **About the ollam:**

With a name aptly deriving from the old Irish for a grand master of a skill, the ollam is a Transatlantic collective of formidable talent, marrying stunning instrumental virtuosity, Irish tradition, and Detroit's post-rock psych-sensibility. Their genre-defying compositions are lush with cyclical trance-like melodies, co-written by Belfast uilleann piper/whistle player **John McSherry**, his US protégé **Tyler Duncan**, and master-drummer **Michael Shimmin**, whose intricate, often complex, rhythms are then underpinned in recording by the phenomenal bass-playing genius of **Joe Dart**. Their 2012 eponymous debut album is now considered something of a cult classic, winning the 2012 Indie Acoustic Music Award for Best Instrumental Album.

Over the years the ollam has toured as a live collective augmented by additional master musicians and collaborators, including Dart's Vulfpeck bandmates Theo Katzman and Woody Goss. Since the recording and release of 2022's long-awaited follow-up album *e//legy*, which saw the ollam named as RTE Radio Best Group at that year's Folk Awards, the band has featured **Seán O'Meara** on guitar and **Joe Hettinga** on keys.

"... the result is described by them as Neo-Acoustic Celtic Post-Rock. I'd describe it a little differently – it's f\*\*\*in' deadly!" — *The Irish Times*

"If Lúnasa set the gold standard for traditional acoustic music, these guys are bucking for platinum. The word ollam is old Irish for a master musician, and there are three master musicians here." — *Irish Music Magazine*

"People are heralding it as a new genre of music" — *Liverpool Echo*

"...there just seems to be so much soul in playing, that every track finds a way to spike the emotions and tingle the spine." — *Folk Radio UK*

"It's a groovy, mystic rock sound that is your go-to Celtic music for people who think they don't like Celtic music." — *The Irish Examiner*

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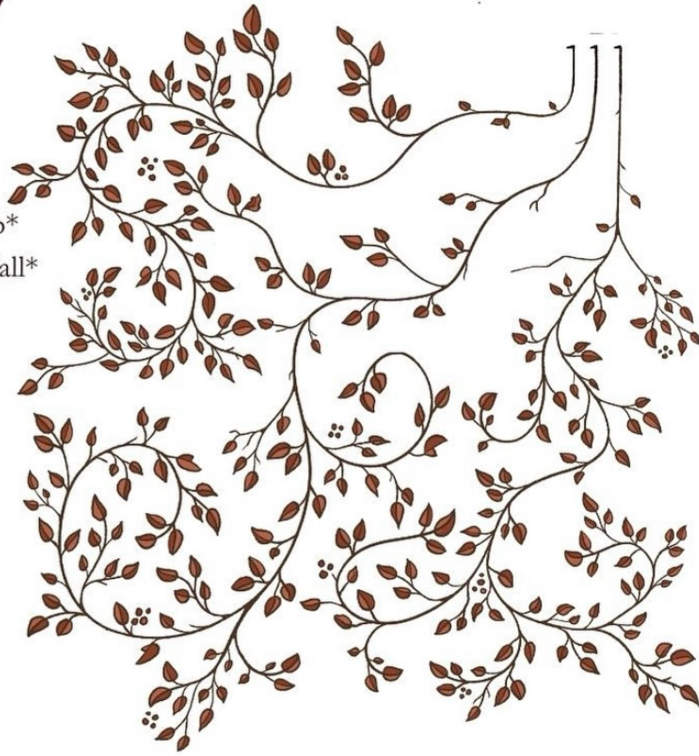
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