

# Sean Nos-Style Singing class

Have you ever wondered how to sing the old, old songs the way Dolores Keane or Cathal McConnel sing them? A local session singer who has spent time learning the ways of singing in Clare, Kerry, and Fermanagh is offering a short course in Traditional Irish Song Performance for those with at least an intermediate level of singing ability who have a strong desire to become a traditional singer. We will concentrate on the antique unaccompanied style, but the content can easily be transferred to more conventional performance. We will explore the history and current conditions of the tradition, phrasing and ornament techniques, breath and vocal production, repertoire development and source research. We will take turns singing for each other and will be expected to be able to learn songs by ear in a short period of time. Limit 6 new students. Please bring \$15 for tape, lyric sheets and various articles on traditional song performance to the first class. Audition required before enrolling. The first meeting will be November 16th, from 9:30-10:30 am at Westport/Roanoke Community center, will last for four weeks, and will hopefully lead to more singers participating in local sessions.

Please call or email Patti at 816-471-2560 ext. 12 , or [patti@lubarchem.com](mailto:patti@lubarchem.com) for more information about the course contents. Because of the limited number of students, you will need to sing for her as well, to make sure you are up to the intermediate level of ability.

CALL FOR REBEL BALLAD SINGERS! Do you remember when Dahill would come to town for weeks at a time and sing out the old standards -Black Velvet Band, Whiskey in the Jar, Danny Boy, etc.? Would you like to get together with friends old and new and just SING 'em out? I'm willing to find a venue, if enough folks of all ages are interested in having a monthly song session -you don't have to be a great singer to have the best of craic just singing and telling tales. Singing is in our DNA, so let's try and make this happen.

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T'anks very much.