



Paul Kelly (fiddle, mandolin)

Paul Kelly is an experienced and highly regarded musician from Tallaght in Dublin, Ireland. Paul is equally comfortable in many styles of music and has had a long and distinctive career on the Irish music scene, both at home and abroad. He has been a member of many well-known Irish bands and performed alongside artists such as The Fleadh Cowboys, The Sharon Shannon Band, singer Eleanor Shanley and more recently The Dublin Legends (The Dubliners). Paul is also a founding member of his current band, The Dixie Micks.

Paul is the founder of a record company called Malgamú Music, which tapped into the new eclecticism in traditional Irish music and encouraged its artists to experiment with other musical styles, although keeping Irish Music at the core. One of the company's releases, 'a mandolin album', is generally recognised as amongst the most innovative representations of that instrument in the context of Irish music. Paul also performed with such luminaries as Rory Gallagher, The Waterboys, John Prine and The Pogues.

This is Paul Kelly's first appearance as part of Creative Connexions Ireland: Sitges '22.