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**SCT**

**Scrúdú Ceol Tíre**

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# **SCT TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC EXAMS**

## **A GENERAL OVERVIEW**

### **What is an SCT EXAM?**

The SCT traditional Irish music exam program is designed to help musicians of all ages and abilities to track, assess, and improve their own progress. Unlike competition, these exams are simply about personal growth.

Becoming a strong traditional musician is a journey. Along the path, there is a need for knowledge and information to be accessed, learned, understood, practiced, incorporated into playing, and eventually, mastered. While studying traditional Irish music, the SCT exam program can serve as a guide. Together with their teachers, students can prepare for one level at a time, progressing at their own comfortable pace.

### **Why should you take the SCT exam?**

The exam process provides an opportunity for each candidate to identify their own strengths and weaknesses. Each section of the exam targets a specific skill set, at a specific level identified in the syllabus. You may find that in some areas you are quite comfortable, but notice other areas require further attention. Having this awareness can help any musician set goals that will assist in their aim to bring better balance across all skill sets.

This will positively impact their overall knowledge and performance abilities.

## **Who should take the SCT exam?**

All traditional Irish Musicians who wish to progress as students and performers should consider taking the exams.

Each candidate can explore the exam syllabus, which includes the required components for each level, and after considering their own experience level, and discussing it with their music teacher, decide which level is most appropriate. If any candidate finds that they are unsure which level is right for them, we are happy to help.

## **When should I take an SCT exam?**

If at any time you wish to improve your skills, gain better clarity regarding your own level of knowledge and progress, and further yourself on the journey to becoming a strong, well rounded traditional Irish musician, consider taking an SCT exam. Once you feel you have met the criteria, or are near achieving the criteria for a certain level of the exam, consider enrolling and using the upcoming exam as a goal to work towards. Preparing for an upcoming exam can be of great benefit, as it will influence your practice strategies and curriculum focus areas.

## **Upcoming SCT exams in North America**

**SCT Exams and an SCT prep course**  
are being offered at the  
**2024 North American**  
**Provincial Comhaltas Convention.**  
**Buffalo, New York**  
**April 4-7 2024.**

All Music teachers are encouraged to attend,  
and reach out for more details regarding the  
SCT exams and prep course.

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