

Some Info On The Musicians Who Played On “A Lovely Day”

Colin Farrell - <http://www.colinfarrellmusic.com> – Colin, for the most part, produced the CD. He says I should put my name as the producer but he did so much that that wouldn't be right, so we settled on saying we both produced it. Not that it really matters. Without Colin I wouldn't have been able to get most of the musicians to play on the CD. Colin plays with several bands, most notably Lunasa when they play in the US.

Will MacMorran – <http://www.willmacmorran.com>

Will a multi-instrumentalist touring musician, recording engineer, composer, producer, and Lecturer in East Tennessee State University's Appalachian Studies Department. He plays guitar with The Chieftains when they tour the US.

Derek Hickey – <https://tradirishmusic.com/tutorials-2/button-accordion.html?id=651> – I haven't met Derek. Colin met Derek at the O'Flaherty Retreat and recorded him playing accordion that will be mixed into The Beautiful Game. Derek played with Arcady and De Danann.

Anna Colliton - https://oflahertyretreat.org/instructors_staff/anna-colliton/ - Anna plays bodhran on two songs - “The State It Has Me In” and “The Highwayman”.

Shane Farrell - <https://www.facebook.com/shanefarrellmusic/>

Shane is Colin's brother. Both grew up in Manchester, England. Their parents are originally from Cavan and Galway. Shane is a brilliant banjo and mandolin player and I'm grateful he laid down the tracks on “I'll Take Care of You”, “The Highwayman” and several others.

Luke Boudreault – <https://www.ncbrassband.org/luke-boudreault-solo-cornet.html> – Luke plays trumpet on the Christmas Comet. He plays with the Salisbury Symphony and other brass ensembles in the area, most notably da Capo Brass.

Nuala Kennedy - <http://www.nualakennedy.com> – Nuala did lovely vocals on three songs – Delia & Saint Christopher; Just Try it; and The Old Piano. I asked her if she would do the vocals for Delia because I just felt she had the voice to portray her best. I had gotten a demo from Colin of the mandolin and accordion he had laid down with Will MacMorran while I was at The Swananna Garthering in the summer of 2019. Nuala was teaching there so she kindly agreed to listen to it and lay down some vocals.

Destiny Stone - <https://destinystonemusic.com> – Destiny plays piano on several songs. I met her a few years ago in Salisbury at Livingstone College. She's from Mississippi originally. Destiny is a lovely singer-songwriter and musician. I knew she would bring parts of her heritage into her playing and add so much to the songs.

Alan Murray - https://oflahertyretreat.org/instructors_staff/alan-murray/ - Alan plays bouzouki and guitar on several songs. I met Alan out in St. Louis a good few years ago when I was visiting my daughter who was going to school there. He was playing at McGurk's pub. A few years later I asked him to play bouzouki on some songs on my last CD and he then asked Colin Farrell to put down some fiddle on the songs. So, that's how I met Colin.

Cillian Vallely - <https://www.cillianvallely.com> – Cillian played pipes on I'll Take Care Of You and My Home In Roscommon. I am delighted to have him on the album. I could hear the pipes in my head

at certain places in those songs and he even though he was very busy with Lunasa and all his other engagements he did the job and did it beautifully.

Kelly Siske-Dunworth – <https://www.facebook.com/siskedunworth> - Kelly did vocals on two songs – I Have To Be Someplace and Mother Jones. She lives over in Mooresville area. I met Kelly at the Swanannoa Gathering in North Carolina a few years ago.

Dave Fason mixed “A Lovely Day” as well as my two other CDs. He lives in Floyd, Virginia. A fantastic ear, great mixer, sound engineer and all around good guy <http://www.thewindfallstudios.com>