

*We'd like to welcome our newest Ambassador,  
Irish Traditional Musician & Clare Native,*

# SHARON SHANNON!



Sharon Shannon has music at her fingertips...literally! The accordionist from Ireland has achieved legendary status throughout the world and has made the much-maligned accordion 'cool' in her home country. Renowned for her collaborations, not just in Irish traditional music, but through all musical genres, Hip-Hop, Cajun, Country, Classical and Rap.

Sharon has recorded and toured with a who's who of the Irish and Global Music Industry, including Bono, Adam Clayton, Sinead O'Connor, Jackson Browne, John Prine, Steve Earle, The RTE Concert Orchestra, The Chieftains, The Waterboys, Willie Nelson, Nigel Kennedy, Alison Krauss and Shane MacGowan - a list that is testament to Sharon's versatility as well as talent.

She has entertained US Presidents' Clinton at the White House, Obama in Dublin along with Irish Presidents' Robinson and MacAleese on Presidential visits to Poland and Australia respectively. More recently, she played for "The Sultan of Brunei", at the Basement in Sydney.

She has worked with Hollywood film directors Jim Sheridan in a production of "The Playboy of the Western World" and played a cameo role in Neil Jordan's film "Ondine" alongside Colin Farrell.

The genre-defying star has had multi-platinum album sales and has had several number one albums, singles and DVDs in her home country. Her album "Galway Girl" went four times platinum in Ireland with the title track winning her the Meteor Award two years running for most downloaded song.

She also celebrates being the youngest ever recipient of the "Meteor Lifetime Achievement Award". Her music has been featured in several Hollywood movies including "P.S., I Love You", and the award-winning "Bulmers TV Commercial Campaign".

A prolific composer, Sharon continues to defy genres and has recently released an album of original music recorded with the RTE Concert Orchestra called "Flying Circus".

She has produced a new album for the "High Kings" released worldwide by Sony in September 2013 and is currently co-writing songs with many collaborators.

She recently performed with reggae legend "Dawn Penn" and "Lee Thomsson" from "Madness" on the single "Bangarang".

Currently working on a book on her life, Sharon is a passionate animal lover and does a lot of voluntary work and fundraising for various animal rescues and supports many other charities. Sharon regularly performs on tour and at festivals in Ireland, UK, France, Belgium, Holland, Spain, Japan, Australia and New Zealand .

Sharon is the biggest selling traditional music solo artiste in Ireland, with domestic and international units of her CDs amount to one million sales. Last year, Sharon played to in excess of 250,000 people Worldwide performing at Womadelaide, Womad New Zealand, Beautiful Days & the Volvo Ocean Race.