

Dady- bro Blog #1

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I'm looking back on the summer and fall. There was a lot traveling to some great gigs.

There were some special moments for me. I'd like to share a couple with you all.

Our new CD, "Irish Folk Fest" has been well received by our legion of friends and fans. It's a CD of mostly ballads we've been singing for years but never recorded. There are also a couple new ones from us too. We dedicated the CD to Tommy Makem.

Our dear friend Tommy Makem passed on August 1st. There was an awesome loving outpouring from many thousands of fans and friends of Tommy from all over the world. Tommy's special music will live on forever. John and I along with Danny O'Flaherty went to his funeral at his home parish in Dover New Hampshire. It was the most beautiful and emotional funeral celebration. We were treated like family by his family and we felt privileged to be asked to Tommy's home for the break at the wake. I couldn't fight the urge to pick up his Pete Seeger model banjo. I did but the notes I mustered seemed hollow and empty. I couldn't think of any better friends to help hold each other up on that sad day as Danny and John.

Tommy Makem was very supportive of our music. Some of our proudest moments were on-stage with him on several occasions.

We had the chance to perform a few of his songs with the Makem and Spain Brothers in Indianapolis and Lake Charles. It was an inspired musical tribute to the Bard of Armagh. The brothers are very capable of carrying on his song tradition but not afraid to start some new ones of their own too.

One of my great joys in life is teaching music. I've been teaching the instruments that I perform on out of my home for many years now. This summer I asked one of my best students to perform with us at the Honeoye Gazebo. His name is Dan Krieder. He's 18 and he's a ringer on the Bluegrass banjo, mandolin and fiddle. Dan did a great job on stage with John and I. He wowed the crowd with his solid banjo pickin' and fiddle licks.

There were also some fun gigs in Lakeville, Maplewood, Ontario Beach, Dansville, Oxford, Hamilton and Nunda. We also played some neat Irish festivals in Rochester, Buffalo, Indianapolis, and Lake Charles. It was all a blast! Some high points for us were playing a few tunes with piping legend and friend Paddy Keenan in Buffalo. Also we had a fun session with many great musicians after hours at the Indianapolis Irish Festival. I hope we're invited back again next year!

The Dady Brothers were asked to perform for the premier of WXXI/WRUR's "On Stage". The program aired on WXXI TV Rochester NY on September 16th. Everyone who saw it said they loved it. We were thrilled to be asked and were very pleased with the quality of the program. A big thanks to the fine and talented people at WXXI/WRUR for giving us the great opportunity to perform our music for folks on television.

We're looking forward to the Holidays with anticipation for our up coming Christmas shows. We are also excited about our 18th annual tour of Ireland. It will be June 30th – July 9th.

This year's tour I know will be very memorable. We always have a fun in Ireland.

So why not come along with us? Seats are filling fast!

We're also making plans to go back into the studio for more recording projects. So, keep your ears open!

Thank you for your continued support of the Dady Brothers music for over 30 years.

Peace and Love always from my Conesus cabin home,

Joe Dady

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