

Joanna Clare is sharing the light!

Fiddler Joanna Clare is releasing her debut album,
To Keep the Candle Burning, on February 25th.

The album features All-Ireland champions Brian Conway, Josh Dukes, and Billy McComiskey, along with Myron Bretholz, Sean McComiskey, Matt Mulqueen, Catherine O’Kelly, and Liam Presser.

“Joanna is not only a brilliant fiddler, but also a composer as her tunes are quite original. Their structure and melodic writing are so impressive.”—Carl Hession, who is regarded as one of the finest composers, arrangers, and accompanists in the traditional Irish music scene.

To Keep the Candle Burning is dedicated to the many traditional Irish musicians who inspired Joanna throughout her childhood. While the album includes some original tunes, it’s primarily comprised of tunes she learned either directly from these musicians or from their recordings. Joanna said, “The abundance of dedicatees demonstrates how the interwoven contributions of each musician keep the tradition alive. These musicians have paved a path for the next generation to embrace creativity within the framework of a living tradition.” Her goal is to be a part of the movement that keeps the tradition alive and that keeps the candle burning for generations to come.

Joanna has won many awards in fiddle and newly composed tune competitions including five championship titles at the Mid-Atlantic Fleadh Cheoil (regional competitions). Most recently, she was awarded runner-up for the fiddle slow airs competition at the 2021 FleadFest in Sligo, Ireland.

Master Sligo-style fiddler Brian Conway was Joanna’s teacher for nine years. He said, “It has been a joy to watch Joanna grow as a musician and a person, and I’m so proud of what she has accomplished. Congratulations to Joanna on a beautiful recording!”

To order the album or contact Joanna Clare, visit <http://www.joannaclare.com> or @joannaclaremusic on social media.