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Ó CHÚIL AODHA GO HOILEÁN Í

FROM COOLEA TO IONA



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A Documentary by Dónal Ó Céilleachair
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A local farmer and his 3-year old son walk the well-worn hills overlooking the legendary village of Cúil Aodha in the West Cork Gaeltacht. We follow them as they descend into the village and head to Sunday morning mass. There they join other local farmers, carpenters, teachers, civil servants and business men – as they do every single Sunday throughout the year - to sing the liturgical and sacred hymns of Cór Chúil Aodha (The Coolea Men's Choir).

Founded by legendary Irish composer Seán Ó Riada in 1963 - and continued after his death in 1971 to this day by his son Peadar - Cór Chúil Aodha occupies a legendary place in Irish music and embodies the spirit of an area that is historically rich in both poetry and music.

With current members that include fathers, sons and grandchildren now scattered across the globe, the choir represents a vibrant cross-section of the community and a diversity of authentic contemporary voices.

This intimate film follows the life of the choir over an 8-week period; charting its weekly trials and tribulations - under Peadar's watchful direction - culminating in a historical visit to the renowned island of Iona with President Michael D. Higgins in the year of the choir's 50th anniversary.

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This is the third film in Dónal Ó Céilleachair's *'Irish Music Trilogy'* that includes *3-TRIÚR*, 2012 and *Aisling Gheal (Bright Vision)*, 2013.