

*Goitse (Go-wit-cha) is an informal Gaelic Irish greeting meaning 'come here'.

The popular and multi-award-winning quintet **Goitse** was forged in the white-hot creative crucible of Limerick's Irish World Academy. Named Live Ireland's "Traditional Group of the Year", Chicago Irish American News' "Group of the Year", as well as winning the prestigious "Freiburger International Leiter 2016" award in Germany, **Goitse** have become a leader of the new generation of traditional Irish ensembles.

Goitse has released five critically acclaimed recordings and maintains a year round touring schedule that includes performances throughout Ireland and the UK, Germany, France and the United States. Their distinctive sound lies in the quality of their own compositions interspersed with traditional tunes from the countryside of Ireland and abroad, which make each performance unique. Laying the foundations for the music are World and All-Ireland Bodhrán champion Colm Phelan and Conal O'Kane, who is fast making a name for himself as one of the finest guitarists of his generation. The gripping rhythm section sets a powerful drive for the music while the sweet, charismatic voice of Áine McGeeney draws audiences into a song the way few performers can.

Together, the quintet **Goitse** makes what <u>Irish Music Magazine</u> calls "Music that's brimming with energy and creative zeal."

