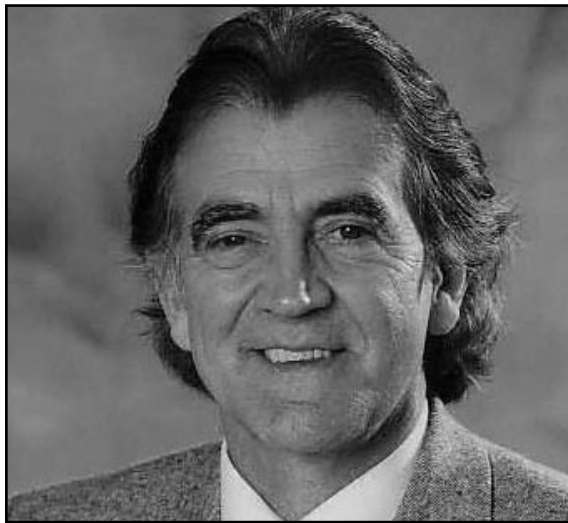




BBC Radio Ulster at Music Live

BBC Radio Ulster plans to capture the spirit of Music Live in as many programmes as possible over the 11 days of the festival.



Gerry Anderson

Local favourite Gerry Anderson launches Radio Ulster's coverage on Friday 23 April in the pub! He's in McBride's Pub in Cushendun, Co Antrim, to be precise, where a whole weekend of celebrations is planned to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the town's association with the National Trust, as well as the bi-centenary of their parish church.

Northern Ireland's King of Country Hugo Duncan takes his *Country Afternoon* radio show (1.30-3pm) on the road every day from Monday 26-Friday 30 April. He will be bringing the very best of Northern Ireland's country music to towns and cities such as Newry, Omagh, Belfast, Ballymena and Downpatrick, checking out the local musical talent wherever he goes.

And it's not just the daytime programmes that will feature in Music Live; the night-time schedules will also be bursting at the seams with live performances, ranging from Cherrie McIlwaine hosting an atmospheric acoustic concert with local singer/songwriters, to live indie-rock sessions from the *Across The Line* team.

Music Now on Radio Ulster will be featuring the Ulster Orchestra performances on Saturday 23 and Friday 30 April from Belfast's Waterfront Hall and right across the festival period the station's Stephen Nolan, *Arts Extra* and Irish language magazine programme *Blas*, will be reflecting all the Music Live 2004 events.

Sunday presenters Brian D'Arcy, the Rev Noel Battye and Steve Stockman will also be heading out of their studios to present live music specials from locations in Belfast and Fermanagh.



Hugo Duncan

So from country, rock and pop to folk, jazz and classical, there will be something for every musical taste with Music Live on BBC Radio Ulster – Sony Station of the Year 2003.

For audience information on Music Live events and tickets, please call the Festival Information Line on 08700 100 125.