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## Pierce Turner memoir expected later this year

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Pierce Turner: short Irish tour and first book on the way

**Why Use 2 Words When 10 Will Do Perfectly Well** is the title of musician Pierce Turner's memoir, due for publication before Christmas.

A book of lively vignettes which takes Pierce's story from his days as a nine-year old clarinet player, through his time with beat groups and show-bands to his move to New York with Larry Kirwan in the 1970s. (Kirwan, a fellow Wexfordian, later formed Black 47.)

Christy Moore has recorded his version of Pierce's song, *The Wicklow Hills* and *Musha God Help Her*. He has also written a tribute song, entitled *I Love The Way Pierce Turner Sings*.

These days, Pierce divides his time between New York and Ireland. In the book he recalls being mentored by Pete Seeger and Philip Glass, and getting renewing friendship with Seeger in a performance last April, only months before he died.

The musician employed crowd-funding site Pledge to raise the budget for his last album,



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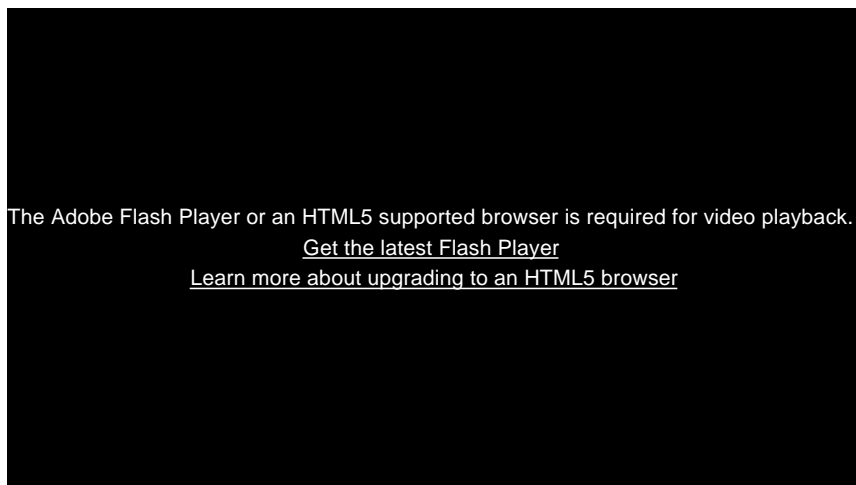
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*Songs for a Very small Orchestra*. In the course of that campaign, he discovered that Scottish crime novelist Val McDermid had been a fan of his music for years.

Joseph O'Connor picked his song about Wexford gossip, *Musha God Help Her* as one of his Desert Island Discs on BBC Radio 4. Noted Wexford writer, Eoin Colfer (*Artemis Fowl*) invited Pierce to perform with him at the Electric Picnic last summer.

Pierce plays Greenacres Art Gallery Wexford next Saturday night, June 21, 8.00pm; The Granary Theatre, Cork, Saturday 28, 8.00pm. He plays the John Field Room at the National Concert Hall on July 10, 8.00pm, using the venue's Steinway Grand Piano.

Watch Pierce sing and introduce *I Never Miss A Meal* at Wexford Arts Centre some years ago.



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