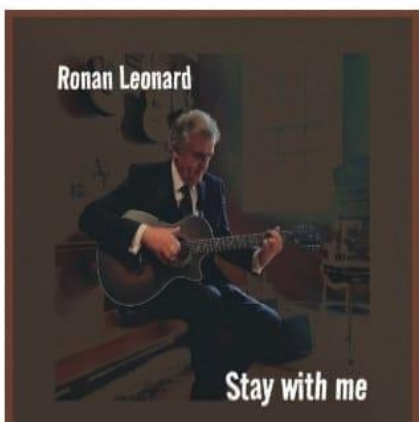# Press Release

Ronan Leonard

Out on 23rd June

New Single

'Stay With Me'

Ronan Leonard: vocal, acoustic, guitar

Garvan Gallagher: bass guitar, backing vocals

Martin Praetorius: acoustic guitar, backing vocals

Robbie Casserly: drums

Chiara Clear: backing vocals

Ronan Leonard is a singer-songwriter from Co. Westmeath in Ireland. He has toured Europe extensively as a headlining artist as well as supporting a succession of musicians including Slim Whitman, Billy Joe Spears, Mick Hanley, Freddy White and Aslan.

Ronan's music has received extensive national radio airplay in Ireland from influential DJ's such as RTÉ 1 Radio's Larry Gogan, Ronan Collins, John Creedon.

Leonard's newest single, 'Stay With Me, captures the conflicts, and complexities of the Covid19 pandemic, which touched all of us, in one way or another. Some of us muscled through the virus itself, and emerged, mercifully unscathed. Others were ravaged and tragically lost. In a sad irony, many were untouched by the disease itself but nonetheless, had their livelihoods torn away, by quarantines and restrictions that seemed endless; again, in one way or another, no one escaped.

'Stay With Me,' reflects this time of complete unknowns, and the uncertainty that ruled across the globe. Leonard sets opposing needs against each other, "I'm wanting you so badly. A hug could be your death, "and at the same time he lauds the real heroes of the time, the front line medical workers, who gave of themselves so valiantly, "I hope we will remember. I hope we will repay." The shuffling nature of the arrangement belies the pleading within the song. It asks to bring everyone back, to turn it all around.

It's a song of gratitude to the heroes, and a beseeching of the fading ghost of a pre pandemic past, to 'Stay With Me." It's all of the conflicts, all the complexities of the time. Ronan says "I wanted to write a song of gratitude, hope, lessons learned and how we can do the right thing in the most difficult of circumstances".