



Tony Stockwell, Tom's friend and tutor, pictured with Tom as he receives an honorary membership of the Spiritualist Union of Ireland

# Delivering messages from the other side

As he prepares for next week's date at the Cavan Crystal, medium Tom Colton spoke to the Cavan Echo about his special ability and his upcoming national tour.

Tom Colton has communicated and interacted with spirits since he was a child. Though it was not until Tom's uncle, Richard, died in 2001, that he started reconnecting with spirit world as an adult.

During the past eight years, Tom has developed his skills as a medium, studying at the world-renowned Arthur Findlay College in Stanstead, near London, the world's foremost college for the advancement of spiritualism and psychic sciences. There, he was taught on occasion by his friend and tutor, Tony Stockwell. Tony has worked extensively in the media and has had numerous television series including 'Psychic Detective', 'Street Psychic', and 'Psychic Academy' and appears as a regular guest on 'Sixth Sense' with Colin Fry.

He has also completed many courses on spirituality including become a Reiki Master at the National Federation of Spiritualist Healing, a charitable organisation now called The Healing Trust.

Deeply compelling, often startling and occasionally humorous, Tom's down-to-

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earth approach has earned him the respect of the many people for whom he has read.

He is currently the only known medium to allow those he reads to feel the energy of their loved ones in the same way he does. Tom believes that everyone has the ability to connect and communicate with spirits – they just have to learn how, there is no special gift, it is purely an ability everybody has, he believes.

Tom is the first medium to undertake a national tour of Ireland. The 11-date 'Feel the Spirit Tour' starts in Cavan on Thursday, July 30 and takes in all four corners of Ireland before climaxing

with some special Christmas dates back in Cavan then on to Dublin, Kerry, Galway, Kildare, Cork and Waterford.

As part of the Feel the Spirit Tour, audiences will see first-hand Tom's skills in connecting with the spirit world, experiencing how he can deliver messages to members of the audience from loved ones and friends who have passed over.

Tom is greatly looking forward to kicking off his tour in Cavan.

"This tour is a huge undertaking and something I am looking forward to immensely," said Tom.

"I got a great reaction at my recent events in Dublin, where we had people who'd travelled from all over the country, so now it is my turn to come to them and I can't wait."

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"A medium is a person who has developed their spiritual knowledge and uses this to form a link between this world and the 'spirit world'," said Tom.

"It must, however, be remembered that everybody has the capability to be a medium of some kind, it is just that not everybody knows how to interpret the

correct signs."

Tom feels a medium can help those who have suffered a recent bereavement.

"Anyone who has suffered a bereavement of close relatives or friends will appreciate the enormity of this subject. It is unfortunate that those who are around us in the time of our bereavement do not actually experience or understand the devastation of what we can be going through.

"A medium can help with the healing process of bereavement, though visiting a medium is not a substitute for counselling, it is complementary to it.

"There is not a set time that has pass to before visiting a medium, nor is there a limit to how many times they can be visited. Using a medium to connect with loved ones is a deeply personal experience and one that should only be done when it is right for person involved and no-one else."

In 2008 Tom Colton founded Ireland's first spiritualist church, the Spiritualist Union of Ireland (SUI), which meets every Sunday in Clondalkin, Dublin. The SUI was set up to support the development and the advancement of mediumship in the Republic of Ireland.

Tom's Evening of Mediumship will take place at the Cavan Crystal Hotel next Thursday, July 30 at 8pm, with doors open at

7.30pm. Tom said those planning on attending can bring a photograph of a loved one they would like to connect with, but they must ensure the person they wish to connect with is the only one in the picture and also that there is no writing on the picture.

Tickets for the event cost

€20 and can be purchased at the New Beginnings Holistic store in Main Street in Cavan Town, located beside the Chapter One café. You can also purchase tickets online at [www.graagussolas.com](http://www.graagussolas.com) For more information on the forthcoming event call 086 023 4164.

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