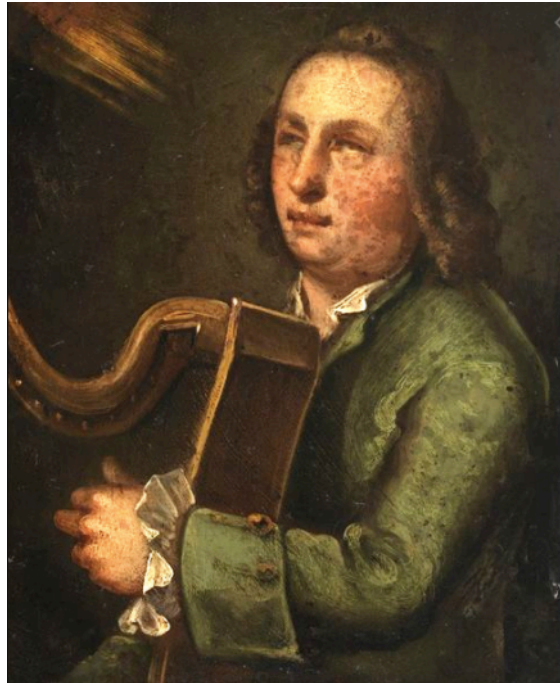


# Turlough O'Carolan



- 1670 - 1738

(born in County Meath, Ireland; died in County Roscommon, Ireland)

- Was blinded at the age of 18, due to smallpox
- After this, he was apprenticed for three years to a harper, which was a common profession for blind boys
  - Traveled all around Ireland (with a horse and guide) for almost 50 years, composing and performing as a harper
  - Became one of Ireland's most famous composers
- Most of his work survived through aural tradition, as publishing music was not common during O'Carolan's life
- His compositions include O'Carolan's Air, Fanny Power, Eleanor Plunkett, and O'Carolan's Concerto, among many others



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