

Nuachtlir CCÉ Craobh Ottawa Branch Newsletter

January 2013

Eanáir 2013

Toques and Toes Drive

The Toques and Toes drive conducted by the Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Ottawa Branch and the Heart and Crown collected the following donations of warm outer winter wear for men, women and children. These items will be distributed to people in need in the area:



28 pairs of girls/ladies Christmas socks
6 pairs of girls socks
22 pairs of womens socks
58 pairs of mens socks
8 toques
3 ladies hats
1 child's hat
4 pairs of mens gloves
4 pairs of ladies gloves
2 pairs of childrens mittens
1 scarf

Your Comhaltas membership needs to be renewed each year. Renewal notices have been sent out to all current members and we would appreciate receiving your form and payment as soon as possible.

*If you do not receive the renewal notice, please contact Pat at:
819-778-2827 or p_cassidy@sympatico.ca*

Forms for new memberships are available from Pat or on-line at: www.ottawacomhaltas.com

Have information for the newsletter, contact the PRO: 613-722-3620 or criostoir.seoirse@gmail.com

January Céilí

Saturday, January 19th

8:00 pm to 11:30 pm
Blessed Sacrament
Church Hall
194 Fourth Ave.

Cost:
CCÉ members – \$10,
Guests – \$12,
Students – \$5,
Children under 12 – free

If you are interested in providing soda bread or other baked goods for the céilí, please contact Carol Ann:

819-595-1094 or cabowers@videotron.ca

2012/2013 Céilís

November 17th
December 15th
January 19th
February 16th
March 16th
Dinner and Céilí
April 20th
May 18th

St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Céilí

Tickets are on sale for the St. Patrick's Day dinner and céilí which is taking place on Saturday, March 16th at 6:00 pm.

The cost is \$35 and they can be purchased from branch executive members, or on-line, for a small convenience fee, at:
<http://stpatsceili.eventbrite.com/>

Last year's dinner and céilí was a sellout and a huge success. In fact, last year, we had to turn people away at the door. So, get your tickets early.

Other CCÉ Events

Irish Language and Set/Céilí Dance Classes

All classes will run on **Monday evenings starting from January 7th**.

All classes will take place at:
Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, 194 Fourth Ave.
Contact: Sheila.Scott@uottawa.ca

Beginner Irish Language classes:

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
CCÉ members – \$80, Non-members – \$90

Intermediate/Advanced Irish Language classes:

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
CCÉ members – \$105, Non-members – \$120

Set/Céilí Dance class:

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
\$7.00 per night,
CCÉ members – \$75, Non-members – \$90

Irish Solo Dance class:

8:00 pm – 9:30 pm
For more information, contact Caitlin Crockard:
cscrockard@hotmail.com

If people are interested in sean-nós dancing, we will run a class from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Irish Language Conversation Group

Every Friday at 5:30 pm at the Heart and Crown in the Byward Market

Gach Aoine ag 5.30 ag an Heart and Crown sa Mhargadh Byward

Organized by Eoin Keane, the ICUF scholar teaching Irish this year at the University of Ottawa, and who is the Irish Officer of the Comhaltas Ottawa Branch.

Come out and practice your Irish!

For general information on Comhaltas and Ottawa Comhaltas, the various Ottawa Comhaltas events, links to other Comhaltas branches and more, check out our website at:

<http://www.ottawacomhaltas.com>

Also, check out: <http://comhaltas.ie>

Check out the new blog for the Ottawa Branch:

<http://ottawacomhaltas.blogspot.ca/>

Also, follow us on Facebook and Twitter:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/193752260177>

<http://twitter.com/@OttawaCCE>

Branch Musical Instruments For Loan

The following instruments are available on a loan basis to CCE Ottawa members for learning Irish music on these instruments at the beginner level:

- Two 3/4 size fiddles
- One half-set of uilleann pipes

More information on the instrument loans program will soon be available on the Comhaltas Ottawa Branch website. In the meantime, interested people should contact the Branch Vice-Chair via the CCÉ Ottawa Branch website.

New Comhaltas Ottawa Blog

CCÉ Ottawa Branch now has a blog at:

<http://ottawacomhaltas.blogspot.ca/>

What is a blog? A blog is a 'web log' (thus, 'blog') which logs, or captures the stories and news of the blog author, or its various contributors. Normally you just read the blog online just like any other website. The latest news is nearer the top of the blog, and the older news is towards the bottom. The new CCÉ blog can also be easily read on your mobile device, such as the many 'smart phones' that now exist. You can also subscribe to the blog so you can receive the latest posts via email.

The purpose of the new blog is to post topics of interest to the CCÉ Ottawa Branch membership

and greater community. For this we need your help. We strongly encourage your direct submissions on topics that you want us to post. Examples are: your favourite or heirloom Irish soda bread recipe, poems, short stories, reminiscences, or event news that are related to the CCÉ Ottawa Branch mission.

Direct submissions (you write the content, we post it for you) can be sent to the CCÉ Ottawa Branch webmaster at:

webmaster.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com,

or you can submit your post at:

webmaster8617.comhaltas@blogger.com

Other Irish Community Events

Ottawa Celtic Choir's New Season

The Ottawa Celtic Choir has started its new season and it's shaping up to be a great one! The choir will be performing with two guest choirs this year, the Montreal Welsh Men's Choir in December, and Ar n-Oran, Ottawa's Scots Gaelic choir.

New members are welcome. If you are interested, contact the director, Ellen MacIsaac: 613-552-3964 or ellen@laughingbrook.ca

Rehearsals: Tuesdays, 7 pm to 9 pm

Location: St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, Somerset and Elgin

Ireland-Canada Chamber of Commerce Ottawa Monthly Networking Socials

Every 2nd Thursday in every month at 5:30 pm

Peter Devine's Pub

67 Clarence St., Byward Market

All are welcome! More information:

<http://www.iccott.org/>

Celtic Cross is a new performance group made up of adult dancers from the disciplines of Irish, Highland, and Ottawa Valley step dance.

The group has a roster of over 20 dancers with decades of experience as teachers, choreographers, performers and competitors. They perform traditional dances, and original contemporary choreographies that blend all three dance styles.

Celtic Cross is available for performances at concerts, festivals, parties, weddings and more.

Contact them if you'd like some lively dancing at your event!

For more information, e-mail:

celticcrossottawa@gmail.com

<http://celticcrossdancers.com/>



THE GAELIC HOUR
Sunday 8:00am - 10:00am
cjll 97.9fm



Streaming: www.thegaelichour.ca e-mail: austin@thegaelichour.ca

Irish Seniors Drop-in Centre

Tuesdays 11a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

St. Margaret Mary's Church Hall, Fairbairn at Sunnyside.

Join the gang for pot-luck lunch, stories, music and great craic!

Kay 613-829-8467 or Margo 613-837-4164

The Ottawa Celtic Choir is a community choir whose mandate is to sing the songs of the Celtic nations and the Celtic diaspora in English and in the six Celtic languages.

Ellen MacIsaac

613-552-3964 or ellen@laughingbrook.ca

Blog: <http://ottawacelticchoir.blogspot.ca/>

Saint Brigid's Pancake Breakfast

Come one, come all. The next breakfast will be held on **Sunday, January 13th from 10:00 am to noon** at **Saint Brigid's Centre for the Arts**. This is always a lively event. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and includes a great breakfast plus musical entertainment by very talented musicians from the local Irish community.

Address: 310 St. Patrick St (entrance on Cumberland Street)

Information: 613-244-7373

<http://saintbrigidscentre.com/Events.htm>

Chris Langan Music Workshop Weekend

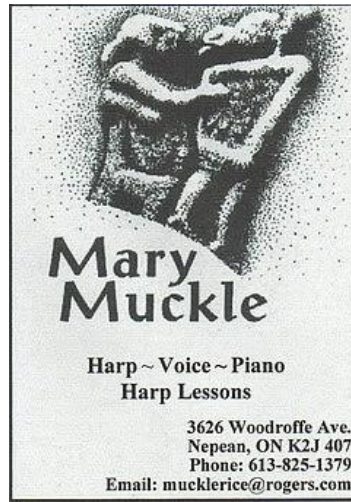
January 18th – 20th in Toronto

It's a weekend is dedicated to the memory of Chris Langan and his tireless promotion of the traditional arts of Ireland. As such, classes are offered in all manner of instruments, including uilleann pipes, fiddle, tin whistle and flute.

This year the guests and instructors include:
Maeve Donnelly, Fiddle
Cillian Vallely, Pipes
Peter Maguire, Flute
Pat O'Gorman

Chris Langan (1915-93) was an inspiration to a generation of younger Canadian musicians. Arriving in Canada in the mid-1950s, he brought with him rich connections to Irish music and language. An accomplished piper, in Ireland he was pipe-major of a well-known band based in Rush, Co. Dublin. As a teenager he was a competition step dancer and later he learned both whistle and uilleann pipes. One of his teachers was the now legendary Irish piper and pipe maker Leo Rowsome.

More details can be found at the event webpage:
<http://www.chrislangan.ca>



Anyone interested in music classes, contact:
Rita Walker
jantarborzoi@sympatico.ca

Ottawa Valley Step Dancing Lessons:

Contact Dawn Dewar
(613) 794-3296

Interested in hosting a house concert?
Contact Craig: ballyfingers@gmail.com

<http://www.irishmusicottawa.ca/>
<http://irishmusicottawa.blogspot.com/>

Sessions in Ottawa and the Valley!
Contact Janice Parton or Craig Hamm for info on music, workshops and concerts in your area!

<http://www.irishmusicottawa.ca/>
<http://irishmusicottawa.blogspot.com/>

ATTENTION MUSICIANS!

Videos, sheet music and more at:
<http://comhaltas.ie/music/>

Also, check out the ComhaltasLive Programme Listing:
<http://comhaltas.ie/music/programmes>

Check out the Comhaltas Archive as well:
<http://comhaltasarchive.ie/>

Fiddle and Flute Immersion Weekend and House Concert

January 25 – 27, 2013
202 Main Street, Barriefield

House Concert: Saturday, Jan. 26 at 8:00 pm

Private classes Friday night, all day workshop, house concert and session on Saturday, half-day workshop on Sunday. Potluck dinner, BYOB .

Immersion Weekend: \$125 advance registration (until January 15), \$150 late registration.

House Concert: \$20 advance (till January 20), \$25 at the door

More information available at:
www.srayner.ca/comhaltas/M_SpecialEvents.htm

To reserve a seat, please e-mail
rmacdiarmid@cogeco.ca

Saint Brigid's Day

Saturday, February 2nd at 7:30 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm)

**Saint Brigid's Centre for the Arts
310 St. Patrick St (entrance on Cumberland Street)**

Performers: Diana Beresford-Kroeger and the Ottawa Celtic Choir under the direction of Ellen MacIsaac

Tickets: \$10
Information: 613-244-7373
<http://saintbrigidscentre.com/Events.htm>

New Master of Arts program in Irish and Irish-American Studies

New Master of Arts program in Irish and Irish-American Studies at New York University (NYU). Glucksman Ireland House, the Center for Irish Studies at New York University, has launched a new M.A. in Irish and Irish-American Studies within the Graduate School of Arts and Science.

The program takes advantage of our unique faculty strengths, our strong connections with Ireland, and our location in the heart of New York

City. It allows students to pursue an interdisciplinary course of study in a dynamic field of Humanities and Social Science research; courses are offered in Irish and Irish-American History, Literature, Music, Irish Language, and Cultural Studies. The M.A. degree can be completed in three semesters at NYU's Greenwich Village campus in New York City, or in one calendar year with full-time summer study in New York and in Dublin. Part-time study is also available. Financial aid is available.

Priority application deadline for Fall 2013 enrollment: February 15, 2013

To learn more about this program:
<http://irelandhouse.as.nyu.edu/page/graduate>

Rose of Tralee Ottawa Centre

Following the 2012 Ottawa Rose selection last March, Avaleigh Eastman traveled to Portlaoise, Co. Laois, Ireland for the Regionals of the Rose of Tralee International Festival in May. In total, there was a record 54 young women who participated as Regional Roses from Europe, Australia, England, Ireland, Canada, United States and even the United Arab Emirates (as Dubai has a Rose Centre). All four Canadian Centres were present - Edmonton and Western Canada; Toronto; Newfoundland and Labrador; and of course, Ottawa. Avaleigh was one of the two Canadians selected to return to Ireland in August.

Avaleigh returned to Ireland as one of the 32 International Roses. Together, they took part in gala events, visits to heritage and community sites, and excursions to Irish tourist destinations like Croke Park and Leinster House as part of the 10-day 'Rose Tour' from Dublin to Tralee. The last five days were spent in Tralee, Co. Kerry itself for the official Festival. In addition to having an individual interview with judges beforehand, Avaleigh's on-stage interview with RTE Broadcast host Daithi O'Se took place on the first night of the Festival's two-evening finale. With the grace and that humble 'country girl' charm seen in her interview with CTV's Michael O'Byrne at the

Ottawa Selection; Avaleigh made her way through her interview with ease, poise, and humour. Daithi brought up her Tyrone roots, the Eastman family in Ottawa, Avaleigh's farming background - including her role as the Queen of the Furrow, and some of the similarities she had with her escort, a fellow farmer!

This year, Luxembourg Rose Nicola McEvoy was selected to be the 2012 Rose of Tralee. Avaleigh represented our Centre marvellously well during her time in Ireland as the 2012 Ottawa Rose, and certainly helped to bring more awareness in Ireland about the Canadian Centres participating in the Rose of Tralee.

For more information, articles, and photos, please visit: www.roseoftralee.ca.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Centre or applying to be the 2013 Ottawa Rose, please contact Rose of Tralee Ottawa Centre at: info@roseoftralee.ca.

Here is a photo of the 2012 Ottawa Rose Avaleigh Eastman in Tralee Co. Kerry with her escort Pat O'Connor and two supporters for the Rose of Tralee International Festival in August:



Photo: Courtesy of the Rose of Tralee Ottawa Centre



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Ottawa Irish Festival

March 7th – 17th Events (subject to change),
Information unless otherwise specified: (613) 591-9194 or communications@irishsocietyncr.com

March 7th: Proclamation of Irish Week
10:00 am, Ottawa Police Services HQ, 474 Elgin

March 8th: Erin Luncheon and Auction
11:30 – 2:30, St. Patrick's Home, 2865 Riverside Dr., Tickets: \$45

March 9th: Irish Wake
2:00 – 5:00 pm, Heart and Crown, 67 Clarence
For tickets: (613) 591-9194 or
communications@irishsocietyncr.com

March 10th: Pancake Breakfast
10:00 – noon, St. Brigid's Centre, 310 St. Patrick St.

March 12th: 2nd Annual Authors' Day
11:00 – 2:00, Irish Seniors Drop-In Centre, St. Margaret Mary's Parish Hall

March 14th: Celebration of Rideau Canal Workers Designation
7:00 – 10:00 pm, St. Brigid's Centre, 310 St. Patrick St.

March 16th: 31st St. Patrick's Day Parade
11:00 am, Parade starts in front of City Hall

March 16th: Post Parade Grand Irish Party
12:00 – 4:00 pm, St. Brigid's Centre, 310 St. Patrick St.

March 16th: Comhaltas Ottawa Branch St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Céilí
6:00 pm, Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, 194 Fourth Ave,
Information: www.ottawacomhaltas.com

March 17th: St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
12:00 – 3:00 pm, Information: www.sbcottawa.ca

March 17th: Rose of Tralee Ottawa Centre Selection
Residence of the Irish Ambassador, Park Road,
Information: www.roseoftralee.ca