



Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

Nuachtlitir | Newsletter

Mí Eanair 2015 January

Craobh OTTAWA Branch

CÉILÍ

January 17 Eanair

8:00pm – 11:30pm

Blessed Sacrament Hall,
194 Fourth Avenue

Cost: | Costas:

Members — \$10 — Ball

Non-members — \$15 — Aíonna

Students — \$5 — Scoláire

Children under 12 — Free | Saor in aisce — Faoi 12

**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

Ottawa Comhaltas Blog:
ottawacomhaltas.blogspot.com

is now taking submissions in English
and in Irish. Please email our webmaster at

webmaster.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com

Toques and Toes Drive



Generous donations of warm winter clothing were collected by Maureen Maher at the November and December céilís.

A total of 77 articles were collected.

A 50/50 raffle was also held at the December céilí for this cause. Dan Wright, the winner of the draw, donated his winnings of \$79.50 to buy more articles of clothing.

Monday Dance and Language Classes

Dance and language classes at Blessed Sacrament Hall (194 Fourth Avenue) will resume on January 05.



COMHALTAS

*Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann is a registered
cultural non-profit organization*

If you have an event or a piece you would like included in next month's newsletter, please email Oscar at info.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com

ATTENTION MUSICIANS!

Videos, sheet music and more at:

<http://comhaltas.ie/music/>

ComhaltasLive Programme Listing:

<http://comhaltas.ie/music/programmes>

Check out the Comhaltas Archive:

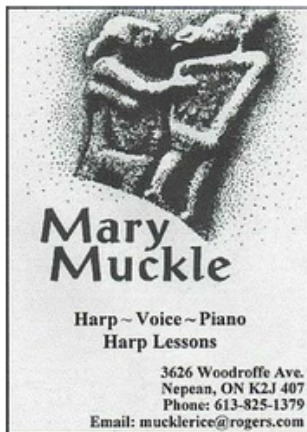
<http://comhaltasarchive.ie/>

Irish-Music Lessons

CCÉ has **instruments** available for loan.

- Accordion
- Flute
- Uilleann Pipes
- 2 Children's Fiddles

Please check our website www.ottawacomhaltas.com
for availabilities and applications!



Sessions in Ottawa and the Valley

Contact Craig Hamm or Charles Dunlap at cdunlap@xplornet.com for information on music, workshops and concerts in your area!

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

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

Dance Classes

Monday Evenings

Blessed Sacrament Hall,
194 Fourth Avenue

Set/Céilí Dance Class:

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Irish Solo Dance Class:

8:00pm – 9:30pm

For more information and cost for classes,
please contact Caitlin Crockard:

cscrockard@hotmail.com

Celtic Cross is a local performance group made up of adult dancers from the disciplines of Irish, Highland, and Ottawa Valley Step dance. With a roster of over 20 dancers with decades of experience as teachers, choreographers, performers and competitors, the group performs 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!

Email: celticcrossottawa@gmail.com

Website: <http://celticcrossdancers.com/>

Ottawa Valley Step Dancing

For lessons,

Contact Dawn Dewar: 613-794-3296

St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Céilí

The tickets for the March 14 St. Patrick's Day dinner and céilí are on sale at \$35 each for its 2015 edition.

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/st-patricks-day-dinner-and-ceili-2015-tickets-15129260024>

Eithne Dunbar CD Launch

Eithne Dunbar launched her CD *Cnuasach Amhrán as Gaeilge* at the December céilí. Contact Steafan (info@steafan.com) for purchase and more details.



Irish Seniors Drop-in Centre

Every Tuesday 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

St. George's Church Hall, 415 Piccadilly Avenue (near Island Park/Byron).

Join the gang for potluck lunch, stories, music, and great craic!

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



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



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

IRISH-LANGUAGE CLASSES | RANGANNA GAELIGE

Monday Evenings | Oíche Dé Luain
(Until April | Go dtí Aibreán)

Blessed Sacrament Hall,
194 Fourth Avenue

Beginners' | Bunrang
6:00pm–7:00pm

Advanced Beginners' | Bunrang+
6:00pm–7:00pm

Intermediate & Advanced | Meánrang 7 Ardrang
7:00pm–8:30pm

More information, textbooks, prices:
Tuilleadh eolais, téacsleabhair, costais:
Sheila.Scott@uOttawa.ca

Events in the Region | Imeachtaí Sa Cheantar

January 10, 2:00pm and 7:00, Concert

The entertainers at our November 2014 céilí are performing in Oshawa, Ontario. Kyle, Emily, and Tony amaze every time with their performances. Please contact Emily at emily.yarascavitch@gmail.com for the Oshawa concert. If you would like to host a concert in the Ottawa region this month, please contact Kyle at kyle.violin@gmail.com.

January 11, 10:00am–12:00pm, Pancake Breakfast

Every month, St. Brigid's Centre for the Arts (310 St. Patrick Street) serves live Irish music with a full buffet-style pancake breakfast (ham, sausage, home fries, juice, and more). \$5 adults, \$3 children.

January 17–19, Student Lecture Series in Celtic Studies

Post-secondary students from all across North America interested in Celtic Studies will gather at the University of Toronto for a weekend conference after the first such event was hosted at uOttawa. Contact cscu@utoronto.ca for more details.

January 25, 4:00pm, CGO Cèilidh

Comunn Gàidhlig Ottawa holds their monthly cèilidh at 28 Granville Avenue. Great music and dance! Free entry for CGO members, \$5 entry for guests. Please contact Randy for more information at 613-286-1003.

January 30–February 1, Thompson in Tír na nÓg

An Orangeman is blown up by his own gun and awakes in Tír na nÓg, the Gaelic world of the everliving. See this Gerald MacNamara play at 135 Séraphin-Marion Street (uOttawa). Showtimes and ticket prices found on TaraPlayersOttawa.com.



Branch Updates from the Chair | Nuachtaí Craobhe Ón Chathaoirleach

...I have arranged to have a classroom available at Ottawa University on Wednesday evenings, for CCÉ Irish language learners, starting in January 2015. Tomás Ó Murchú, will be teaching the TEG preparation course for the students preparing to write the B2 level Irish proficiency test in April 2015.

In October I attended the Ottawa Gaels AGM. The current Chair of the Ottawa Gaels, Vanessa McLean, and myself have agreed to work closely together for the promotion of our respective activities...

Find the entire update on our blog
(ottawacomhaltas.blogspot.ca)

From Our Blog | As Ár mBlag

Isle of Irish Despair

(By P. Avendano)

Not long ago I came across an old article titled "Isle of Irish despair," by S. Kingsmill, and V. Wilkinson. *Canadian Geographic*, January/February 1992, 112(1):78-83.

I was surprised to learn that one of the islands we saw from Île d'Orleans last summer, had such a tragic history, for being Canada's first quarantine station for Irish immigrants. The article recalls the "Summer of Sorrow," when nearly 100,000 Irish immigrants arrived in Grosse Île, situated 50 kilometers downriver from Quebec City. It tells of the Irish immigration to North America in the 19th century, of people fleeing famine in Ireland and bringing sickness with them, those that survived the ocean crossing faced the quarantine on the island. It is estimated that 5,400 people died at Grosse Île during the summer of 1847.

If you are interested in learning more, check Grosse Île and the Irish Memorial National Historic Site of Canada:

<http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/lhn-nhs/qc/grosseile/natcul/natcul1/b.aspx>

You can also see Newspapers reports from 1847 where are listed all the ships that docked at Grosse Île:

<http://jubilation.uwaterloo.ca/~marj/genealogy/thevoyage.html> and <http://www.theshipslist.com>

-- CCÉ Ottawa, Mí Eanáir 2015 January