



Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

Nuachtlitir | Newsletter

Aibreán 2016 April

Craobh OTTAWA Branch

FÍBÍN

April 20 Aibreán, 7:30pm

ST. BRIGID'S CENTRE FOR THE ARTS (310 St. Patrick Street)

Ar líne | Online: \$20 (scoláire \$15 students)

Beidh léiriú ag FÍBÍN (grúpa dramaíochta ó Chonamara) in Ottawa dona chamchuairt Ceanadach i mbliana. Cuirfidh ar stáitse siad *Mac Piarais i bPictiúir*: dráma faoin Éirí Amach le casadh ar an deireadh.



FÍBÍN: a highly regarded performance and music group from Conamara have a show in Ottawa on their 2016 Canadian Tour! They will be performing Pearse in Pictures, a unique dramatic look on the 1916 Easter Rising "with a twist ending."

Eolas & Ticéid | Info & Tickets:

Prices go up at the door, so get your tickets online now:

<http://tinyurl.com/PLAY-FIBIN>



COMHALTAS

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann is a registered cultural non-profit organisation.

If you have an event or a piece you would like included in next month's newsletter, please send an email to Oscar at

info.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com.

CÉILÍ



April 16 Aibreán

7:00 i.n. | pm

Halla BLESSED SACRAMENT Hall
194 Ascaill FOURTH Avenue

Costas | Tickets:

Baill — \$10 — Members

Aíonna — \$15 — Guests

Scoláire — \$5 — Students

Faoi 12 — Saor in aisce

Free — Children under 12



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Grianghraf le P. Avendano

Please contact Carol Ann if you are interested in providing soda bread, baked goods, or entertainment

at this or future céilís:

819-595-1094 or CABowers@videotron.ca

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

HELP WANTED!

The set dancers would love to win FIRST PRIZE again at **Oireachtas** Gaeilge Cheanada this year, but we need you to make at least one set of 8 dancers! Commitment of 1 or 2 practices per week until the Oireachtas in July.

Interested in this?

Contact Carol Ann (CABowers@videotron.ca)

Féile Scannáin Éireannaigh 2016 Irish Film Festival Ottawa 2016

April 1-3 Aibreán
Arts Court (2 Asc. Daly Ave.)

Scannáin fhada | Feature films:

- Stay, - Into the West,
- Noble, - Grassland,
- Standby, - Into the West.



Gearrscannáin Ghaeilge | Irish-language shorts

Tuilleadh eolais (BÉA) | More information:
IrishFilmFestivalOttawa.ca



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



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

Ranganna Gaeilge | Irish-language Classes

Oíche Dé Luain go 30ú Bealtaine |
Monday evenings until 30 May

Halla BLESSED SACRAMENT Hall
(194 Ascaill FOURTH Avenue)



Bunrang | *Beginners'*
6:00–7:00 (i.n. | pm)

Bunrang + | *Advanced Beginners'*
6:00–7:00 (i.n. | pm)

Meánrang ▸ **Ardrang** | *Intermediate & Advanced*
7:00–8:30 (i.n. | pm)

Tuilleadh eolais, téacsleabhar, costas le fáil ar:
For more information, textbooks, prices:

Sheila.Scott@uOttawa.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

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.
- 1 children's fiddle*

*Please check our website
<http://www.ottawacomhaltas.com/music.php>
for availabilities and applications!*

Ottawa-Valley Step Dancing

For lessons,
Contact Dawn Dewar: 613-794-3296



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/>

Sessions in Ottawa and the Valley

Contact Craig Hamm or Charles Dunlap (cdunlap@explornet.com) for information on music, workshops and concerts in your area! New blog posts to come.

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

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

Events in the Region | Imeachtaí Sa Cheantar

1-3 April, Ottawa Irish Film Festival

This annual event showcases some fine Irish talent. This year, the festival will feature **feature-length** productions as well as Irish-language **shorts!** (See page 2.)

2 April, 7:30pm, Sharing Our Choral Act

Community and no-audition choir **Ottawa Celtic Choir** is teaming up with North Bay university-community choir **Near North Voices** to bring a unique show. \$20 adults, \$10 students, \$15 Irish Film Festival ticket holders. Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sharing-our-choral-art-the-ottawa-celtic-choir-and-near-north-voices-tickets-23017374587>

2 April, 8:30pm, Ottawa Gaels Trivia Night

Fundraising event for the local **GAA** team at Glen Scottish Pub (1010 Stittsville Main Street). \$15 per person. 5 rounds of questions. Details: VicePresident@OttawaGaels.ca.

9 April, 5:30pm, Ottawa Gaels Spaghetti Dinner

Yearly fundraising dinner with **spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert**. Help support your local GAA team: \$10 adults, \$5 children. Cash bar. St. Brigid's (310 St. Patrick Street)



10 April, 10am-noon, Pancake Breakfast

Serving monthly a buffet with live Irish music, St. Brigid's Centre for the Arts (310 St Patrick Street) has **pancakes**, ham, sausages, tea, juice, and more for \$6 adults, \$4 children. All welcome. Information: Ann@SBCOttawa.ca or 613-225-1830.



10 April, 2pm, Book Launch and Signing

In the Pressure of the Moment, a biography on Canadiens 1950s goaltender **Gerry McNeil** at St. Brigid's Centre for the Arts (310 St Patrick Street).

Events in the Region | Imeachtaí Sa Cheantar

17 April, 2pm, "A Terrible Beauty is Born"

The events of 1916 remembered through **song, music, narration, and literature**. St. Brigid's (310 St Patrick Street) Refreshments and open bar. Free admission; must RSVP to Kay (613-829-8467 or kohegarty@sympatico.ca).

17 April, 7:30pm, Carpenters of Song

Music and poetry of **Wales, Brittany, Scotland, and Ireland**. Starring Mary Muckle (harp, harpsichord), Julie Leduc (harp), Marilyn Jenkins (voice), Loyda Lastra (flute), Cantorion Cerdd Dant (choir), and the Ottawa Youth Harp Ensemble. Admission by donation. St. Luke's (760 Somerset St W). Details and tickets: 613-235-3416.



Upcoming TEG

All that some learning Irish in Ottawa want is to be able to take the TEG A1... make their dreams come true! Keep the Ottawa testing centre open.

The A1 is the introductory level of the **Irish-language** standardised tests, and we'd love to see Ottawa be a test centre again this year. Tests are usually in May. See TEG.ie for details on the test and how to register. Contact us for more information on preparation courses and other people who are taking the exam at

info.ottawacomhallas@gmail.com.



Events in the Region | Imeachtaí Sa Cheantar

20 April, Fíbin: *Mac Piarais i bPictiúir/Pearse in Pictures*

Have your chance at meeting this **highly acclaimed performance group** from Conamara. St. Brigid's Centre for the Arts (310 St. Patrick Street). They are presenting their commemoration of the Easter Rising by blending music, literature, visual art. They regularly perform in Irish, but their Canadian Tour will feature interpretations in English. **Brigid's Well**, a pub in the same building, welcomes you to come in any time after opening at 4pm for some socialising.



22-24 April, Ottawa Welsh Festival

The headliners this year are The Three Welsh Tenors and Côrddydd, the famed Cardiff Choir. Most events like **workshops** will be held in the Lord Elgin Hotel (100 Elgin Street).



On 23 April at 7:30pm, a **Gala Concert** will be held at Dominion-Chalmers United (355 Cooper Street) tickets \$30 at the door, \$25 in advance at the Leading Note, Granata Music, the Book Bazaar, and Myfanwy Davies (613-526-3019)

Contact AlisonLawson@rogers.com or 613-725-2704 if you wish to volunteer or donate to cover the costs of bringing the performers to Ottawa (donations will be acknowledged in Festival brochures).

"Thank You..."

Ena and I would like to thank the members of Comhaltas for the visits, the prayers and the flowers for me, recovering at home now, and Ena who is still in rehab. They are all very much appreciated.

-- Doug Hayes

Amharc Siar | Recap

Míle buíochas as bhur dtacaíocht don Dinnéar ☞ Céilí rathúil Lá 'le Pádraig!

Thank you for helping us make this year's St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Céilí a success!

Ghlac breis is 100 duine páirt linn ar an 12ú Márta le haghaidh stobhaigh, rince agus léirithe. Chuir Blakey Designs bronntanais ar fáil, ansin léirigh acadamh damhsa Trillium agus Dónall Ó Dubhghall. Mar is gnách, bhí an Ottawa Céilí Band go hiontach. Dúirt

cuid mhaith duine dúinn go bhfuil siad ag tnúth go mór leis an dinnéar an bhliain seo chugainn!

Over 100 people attended to enjoy the Irish stew, dances, and performances with us on 12 March. Blakey Designs provided many gift ideas; the Trillium Dance Academy and Danny Doyle provided some excellent performances. The Ottawa Céilí Band was excellent as usual! Many people said they could not wait until next year!



Grianghraif le | Photos by: Pat Cassidy

Mí Aibreáin