



Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

Nuachtlitir | Newsletter

Bealtaine 2015 May

Craobh OTTAWA Branch

CÉILÍ

May 16 Bealtaine

(Final scheduled céilí until 19 September)

8:00pm – 11:30pm

Blessed Sacrament Hall,
194 Fourth Avenue

Cost: | Costas:

Members — \$10 — Baill

Non-members — \$15 — Aíonna

Students — \$5 — Scoláire

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

The May céilí will feature: **Ellen MacIsaac**

**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

May marks end of CCÉ Ottawa's céilís and weekly classes (dance and language). Thank you for your support this year. We look forward to seeing everyone when classes and céilís resume in September! Meanwhile, please join our Facebook group and check our website/blog often!

CCÉ Ottawa Dancers at St. Mark's Céilí

The fundraiser céilí at St. Mark's in Aylmer on 17 April saw the Ottawa Céilí Band play and the CCÉ adult dancers perform.

Here are some great pictures taken by Patricia Cassidy from the event:



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

Cumann Iománaíochta Éire Óg Hurling Club

Ottawa's hurling team will be performing at the halftime of the Ottawa Fury FC game on **23 May**. Support both local teams and cheer them on at Lansdowne Park!

Éire Óg is also holding a draw on 1 July 2015. Tickets \$10 each, grand prize is a trip for 2 to the All-Ireland hurling finals and \$750 in spending cash.



More information on both events at ottawahurling@gmail.com.

Oireachtas Gaeilge Ceanada

June 26–28 Meitheamh

Enter or watch several competitions at the premier Irish-language cultural festival in North America.



Workshops in music, language, and dance will be featured for the first time. Competitors and spectators welcome.

Eolas as Gaeilge le fáil ar | More information:
Oireachtas.ca



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



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

Ottawa Fury

Ottawa Fury FC is offering tickets at special rates for Comhaltas members.



Sales for the July 22 and the August 15 games remain. \$14.50 for black section and \$22.50 for silver section seats (down from \$20 and \$28 respectively).

Enter the promotional code CEILIFURY when ordering tickets online at <http://www.capitaltickets.ca/promo-and-pre-sale>.

Open Door Céilí

Toronto is hosting a weekend-long céilí-dancing extravaganza!

Workshops and céilís abound for all skill levels, featuring the Inishowen, Lansdowne, and Cabbagetown céilí bands.

29–31 May
Polish Combatants' Hall
206 Beverley Street, Toronto (ON)

Visit OpenDoorCeiliToronto.com for details.

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

CCE has **instruments** available for loan.

- Accordion
- 2 Children's Fiddles

Please check our website

<http://www.ottawacomhaltas.com/music.php> for
availabilities and applications!

Sessions in Ottawa and the Valley

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

<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

Events in the Region | Imeachtaí Sa Cheantar

May 7–10, Provincial Convention & Mid-Atlantic Fleadh

CCÉ's 2015 North American Convention will be in Parsippany for the second year in a row.



Workshops, performances, banquets, competitions, seisiúns, and the like. Feel the magic of a lobby full of talented musicians.

See MidAtlanticCCÉ.wordpress.com for more details.

May 10, 10:00am–12:00pm, Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

Every month, the 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.

May 29–31, Open Door Céilí

A weekend full of dance workshops and céilís in Toronto. Held at the Polish Combatants' Hall (206 Beverley Street, Toronto). Dancers of all skill levels are welcome.

Visit OpenDoorCeiliToronto.com for details.

June 12–14, Mòd Chanada

A wonderful line-up of Scottish Gaelic (Gàidhlig)-related events and competitions such as cèilidhs, piping, singing, and dancing. Competitors and spectators alike are welcome.

Please see GaidhligOttawa.ca for details.



June 13, Golf Fundraiser & Banquet

Support GAA teams in Ottawa and the National Irish-Canadian Cultural Centre. 12:30pm shotgun start. \$135 for 18 holes, cart, and dinner. \$35 for just dinner at 6:00pm. Emerald Links Golf Club (6357 Emerald Links Dr).

From Our Blog | As Ár mBlag

Find the full article as well as the monthly Chair's Updates (branded as "The Chair's Corner") and other great reads on the Ottawa Comhaltas Blog. (OttawaComhaltas.blogspot.ca)

Book report on *Where Motley is Born: Transnational Irish Literatures* by Amanda Tucker and Moira Casey.

"Transnationalism—and the connected issues of race, migration, and diaspora—has been an area of increasing interest in Irish Studies... Although Irish literature has shaped national consciousness, this collection illustrates how literature has constructed a transnational imaginary—not only in the contemporary moment but also during earlier periods of Irish history...

Using transnationalism as a framework, the volume investigates how the multiple connections that Ireland has fostered with diverse parts of the globe influenced its literary output and production. *Where Motley is Worn* opens the borders of Irish literary studies, which has traditionally been dominated by a nation-centred focus.

The essays in this collection cover both a wide historical period, covering the nineteenth through the twenty-first centuries and a broad geographical range, from Asia to the Caribbean and Latin America. By examining writing that places Irish identity in dialogue with other cultural, national, or ethnic affiliations, the collection allows us to see how Irish literatures have participated in and shaped dynamic cultural flows across the globe."

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is now taking submissions in English
and in Irish. Please email our webmaster at
webmaster.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com

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