



Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

Nuachtlitr | Newsletter

Deireadh Fómhair 2015 October

Craobh OTTAWA Branch



The Irish (turnip) ancestor
of the Jack-o-lantern!
Samhain shona daoibh!

The **BIG** Prize Draw



Comhaltas is “celebrating our Irishness” with a fundraiser big prize draw. Most of the proceeds from this draw will be retained within the local branch (so we can organise bigger and better things for you).

Top prize: **€20 000**

Other prizes include:

- ❖ iPad Air
- ❖ iPad Mini
- ❖ Tipperary Crystal
- ❖ Hobgoblin Harp
- ❖ Luxury Weekend at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann

Tickets are \$25 each and are available at the October céilí. Please contact our secretary Caitlin Crockard (sec.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com) for details on how to get your Big Draw tickets!



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

October 17 Deireadh Fómhair

7:00–10:30 i.n. | pm

Halla BLESSED SACRAMENT Hall
194 Sráid FOURTH Avenue



Costas: | Ticket Prices:

Baill — \$10 — *Members*
Aíonna — \$15 — *Guests*
Scoláire — \$5 — *Students*
Faoi 12 — **Saor in aisce**
Free — *Children under 12*

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

819-595-1094 or cabowers@videotron.ca



Griangraf le Michael Kramer

Ranganna Gaeilge | Irish-language Classes

Oíche Dé Luain | *Monday evenings*
Go dtí 14ú Nol. | *Classes run until 14 Dec.*

Halla BLESSED SACRAMENT Hall
(194 Sráid FOURTH Avenue)



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

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

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

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

Tuilleadh eolais, téacsleabhar, costas le fáil ar:
For more information, textbooks, prices:
Sheila.Scott@uOttawa.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



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



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

NEW DATE! Canada East Regional AGM

The 2015 Canada East AGM is coming up in Kingston. Organisers have accidentally put the AGM on the same day as the Queen's homecoming.

The new date for the AGM is on 7 November.

All CCÉ members are welcome to join and vote on regional matters. The Region will also be looking for a board of directors. Details: RMacDiarmid@cogeco.ca.

Ottawa Fury FC

Ottawa's NASL team, Fury FC, (which also happens to be the league's winningest team) boasts two Irish stars in its roster.

They play two more home games in October at TD Place on Bank Street, and they invite everyone to cheer on the home team.



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*
- *2 Children's Fiddles*
- *Uileann pipes (available soon)*

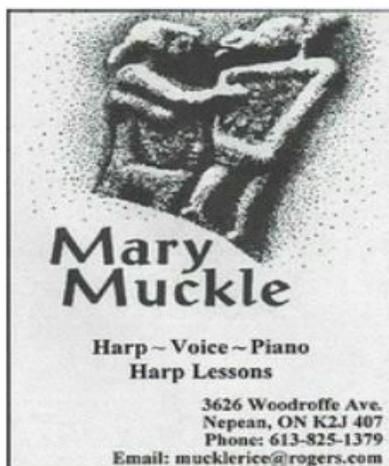
Please check our website

<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
Resume on September 14

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@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/>

Events in the Region | Imeachtaí Sa Cheantar

1 October, 6:30pm, Shamrocks and Shenanigans

St. Patrick's Home welcomes you to their 150th anniversary fundraiser at the Irish ambassador's residence. Pub-themed event with focus on Irish hospitality. Reserve your tickets at 613-731-4660 ext. 352. 291 Park Road, tickets \$150.

2 October, 7:30pm, Tales She Tells

Be transported to Ireland in stories and tunes with Tess Mc Manus performing her play (which along with Donkey Derby was published in a book) accompanied by Susan Toman, Irish-trained harpist and Carleton University faculty member. Shenkman Arts Centre, 245 Centrum Boulevard, tickets \$24.50 adults, \$20.50 seniors, \$18.50 students. Contact Tess@TessMcManus.com for details.

4 October, 7:00pm, Friar's Green Concert

This Irish trad duo serves up some fantastic tunes. This event doubles as a fundraiser for the Ottawa Centre of the Rose of Tralee. Tickets available for \$30 at friargreenottawa.eventbrite.ca. Irish ambassador's residence at 291 Park Road.



14 October, 7:00pm, Tony Fleming In Concert

Tony Fleming is an accomplished and widely acclaimed Irish singer. His renditions of *Danny Boy* and *Raglan Road* have earned him significant recognition. The event will take place at Centrepointe Theatre (101 Centrepointe Drive), box office 613-580-2700, tickets \$75.

17 October, 6:00pm, Ottawa Gaels Banquet

The local GAA team is celebrating their 40th anniversary. The Gaels run a successful summer youth program and travel often to cities all over North America to compete. Sala San Marco, 2015 Preston Street, tickets \$100 include four-course dinner, table wine, and two cocktails. RSVP by 1 October at 613-304-5705.



Ottawa Branch AGM

Our branch's AGM will be held on 7 October. We will be having discussions and votes on issues that matter to us as a branch. We will also be electing a new board of directors.

Any member interested in running for any executive position (full list of titles on our website www.ottawacomhaltas.com), please email the elections officer Maureen Maher at maureen.maher@sympatico.ca with your full name and the position sought.

Sunnyside Library (1049 Bank Street), 6:30pm.

Membership Renewal

Please do not forget to renew your membership for 2015–2016! Those who do not renew memberships this fall will be removed from our mailing lists shortly.

If you are not yet a member, become a member to get great deals on our events and classes year-round as well as CCE's magazine *Treoir*.

Registration online conveniently provides an opportunity to register for language and dance classes: <http://www.ottawacomhaltas.com/membership-and-classes-registration.php>.

For those preferring the flesh and blood, memberships and tuition can be paid for at the Branch AGM.

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

Mí Deireadh Fómhair