



# Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

## Nuachtlitir | Newsletter

Márta 2015 March

Craobh OTTAWA Branch

## DINNER & CÉILÍ

### St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Céilí

This event sells out every year;  
**NO tickets will be sold at the door.**  
Sales end 11 March!

Three-course **dinner** catered by Bobby's Kitchen, who served excellent food at the October AGM. No experience needed to dance at the following **céilí** with the award-winning Ottawa Céilí Band.

Doors open 5:30pm.  
Dinner served 6:00pm.  
Céilí begins 8:00pm.  
Soda bread and tea served 10:30pm.

Blessed Sacrament Hall,  
194 Fourth Avenue

Ticket includes meal (vegetarian and gluten-free available), entertainment, céilí, and snacks.

### TICKETS:

[www.eventbrite.ca/e/st-patricks-day-dinner-and-ceili-2015-tickets-15129260024](http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/st-patricks-day-dinner-and-ceili-2015-tickets-15129260024)

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](mailto:cabowers@videotron.ca)

### Comórtas crosfhocail as Gaeilge | Irish-Language Crossword Competition

1ú áit—\$200—1st Prize  
2ú áit—\$100—2nd Prize  
3ú áit—\$50—3rd Prize

Ábhar: Nollaig nó Caisc | Topic: Christmas or Easter  
Urraithe ag | Sponsored by: [GlorNaGael.ie](http://GlorNaGael.ie)

Oscailte do bhaill CCÉ i Méiriceá Thuaidh |  
Open to Comhaltas Members in North America

Cuir iarratais do | Send entries and inquiries to:  
Aralt Mac Giolla Channaigh ([kenny-h@rmc.ca](mailto:kenny-h@rmc.ca))

Spriocdháta | Deadline: April 30ú Aibreán, 2015



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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](mailto:info.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com)

## 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

## Rose of Tralee



Tickets for the Ottawa Selection are on sale now! Cheer on the 2015 Comhaltas Rose, our very own Auditor **Lisa Wright!**

15 March 3:00pm., at the Residence of the Irish Ambassador.

Tickets:

<http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/rose-of-tralee-ottawa-selection-tickets-15892378532>

## Irish Film Festival

The first-ever Ottawa Irish Film Festival will feature seven amazing Irish features including *Gold*, *Good Vibrations*, and *Song of the Sea*.

[O.S.] 27-29 March 2015

Arts Court,  
2 Daly Ave.

<http://pamurray73.wix.com/irishfilmfestivalott>



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



Streaming: [www.thegaelichour.ca](http://www.thegaelichour.ca) e-mail: [austin@thegaelichour.ca](mailto:austin@thegaelichour.ca)

## IRISH-LANGUAGE CLASSES | Ranganna Gaeilge

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

Halla 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

For more information, textbooks, prices:  
Tuilleadh eolais, téacsleabhar, costas le fáil ar:  
[Sheila.Scott@uOttawa.ca](mailto:Sheila.Scott@uOttawa.ca)

## 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/>

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### Irish-Music Lessons

CCÉ has **instruments** available for loan.

- Accordion
- 2 Children's Fiddles

Please check our website

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

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### Sessions in Ottawa and the Valley

Contact Craig Hamm or Charles Dunlap  
([cdunlap@xplornet.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

### **March 8, 10:00am–12:00pm, 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.

### **March 12, 6:00pm–9:30pm, St. Patrick's Home of Ottawa Fundraising Soirée (Circus-themed)**

The local long-term care facility is hosting a fundraiser for services including medical equipment. Cocktails, dinner, auctions, and entertainment are all in store. 170 Colonnade Road, tickets \$100 each.

### **March 14, 9:00am–5:00pm, Ulster Historical Foundation Lecture Day**

The perfect opportunity to learn about family history! The Foundation normally tours only the US, but this year they have come to Ottawa at the suggestion of our very own Robert Ewing. Experts on various topics share their expertise in this all-day event hosted at 101 CentrepoinTE Drive.

Morning session free, afternoon session \$10. Call Jane Down at 613-741-1463 for more information and to register.

<http://www.bifhsgo.ca/eventListings.php?nm=127>

### **March 14, 11:00am–6:00pm, 33rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Grand Irish Party**

Parade will begin at 11:00am on Elgin/Laurier, turning south on Bank, proceeding to Landsdowne Park. The Ottawa Food Bank will be collecting donations of non-perishable food and cash. Volunteers are asked to contact Michael McLaughlin at [mclaugh@istar.ca](mailto:mclaugh@istar.ca).

A Grand Irish Party at the St. Brigid's Centre for the Arts (101 St. Patrick Street) will also be held starting at noon.

Admission is free for parade volunteers and children. Adults \$10, teens \$5. Call Tracey for more information (613-591-9194)

## **Events in the Region | Imeachtaí Sa Cheantar**

### **March 15, 3:00pm, Rose of Tralee Ottawa Selection**

The Ottawa Rose gets to compete in the televised version of the selection in Ireland. This year's Comhaltas Rose is none other than our auditor Lisa Wright. For tickets and more information, visit [RoseofTralee.ca](http://RoseofTralee.ca).

### **March 27–29, Ottawa Irish Film Festival**

At Arts Court (22 Daly Avenue), the first film festival of its kind will take place. Several Irish features have been selected. Please see their website for details on show times and admissions.

<http://pamurray73.wix.com/irishfilmfestivalott>.

## **From Our Blog | As Ár mBlag**

[\(\[OttawaComhaltas.blogspot.ca\]\(http://OttawaComhaltas.blogspot.ca\)\)](http://OttawaComhaltas.blogspot.ca)

### **CCÉ at the Toronto CLT Conference**

...More than 50 participants from all over North America took part from 18-20 January. There was an abundance of information exchanged in the presentations given by students. CCÉ Ottawa's Youth Officer Nick Bridges and PRO both gave presentations on various topics. We were glad to reconnect with former Auditor Émilie Lavallée-Funston and former Youth Officer Geneviève Robinson at the conference, where both of these participated by presenting posters (more in the article).

Comhaltas was proudly represented by Geneviève, now the provincial Youth Officer, who referred several interested attendees to their respective local CCÉ branches and stressed the global nature and growth of Comhaltas. A strong way to start off 2015 indeed, and something to look forward to for 2016.

*If you have any contributions in Irish or English to be published in our blog, please send to Paty, our webmaster, at [webmaster.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com](mailto:webmaster.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com).*

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