



Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

Nuachtlitir | Newsletter

Meán Fómhair 2015 September

Craobh OTTAWA Branch

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 continue to deliver quality events to you).

Top prize: €20 000

Other great prizes include:

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

Tickets are \$25 each and are available until November. Please contact our secretary Caitlin Crockard (sec.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com) for details on the Big Draw and tickets.

CÉILÍ

September 19 Meán Fómhair

8:00–11:30pm

Halla BLESSED SACRAMENT Hall
194 Sráid FOURTH Avenue

Costas: | Costas:

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



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Ottawa Comhaltas Blog:
ottawacomhaltas.blogspot.com

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

webmaster.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com

Ranganna Gaeilge | Irish-language Classes

Oíche Dé Luain | *Monday evenings*
Ó 14ú MF go dtí 14ú Nol. | *Run 14 Sept. to 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

Canada East Regional AGM

The 2015 Canada East AGM is coming up in Kingston on
24 October.

All CCÉ members are welcome to join. The Region will
also be looking for a board of directors. More details to
come.



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



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

Ottawa Branch AGM

Our branch's AGM will be held in early October. Details on
time and location are to be finalised.

Board of Directors 2015–2016

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Auditor
- Entertainment Officer
- Irish Officer
- Public Relations Officer
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Webmaster
- Youth Officer

Any member interested in running for any of the above
positions, please email the elections officer Maureen
Maher (maureen.maher@sympatico.ca) your full name
and the position sought.



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.

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)

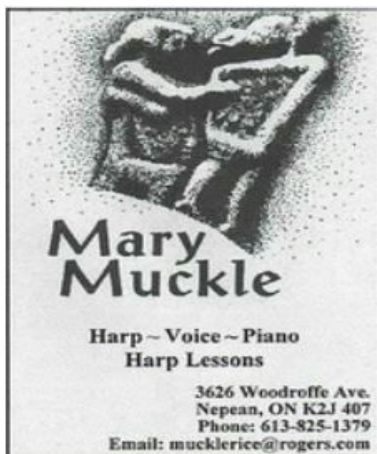
Please check our website

<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

8 September, 7:15pm, Ottawa Celtic Choir

The Ottawa Celtic Choir is a community choir that has been very visible at CCÉ events in the past. The Choir sings in all six modern Celtic languages (along with English).



No knowledge of said languages and no auditions required to join. Rehearsals begin 8 September and run weekly at 7:15pm at St. John's Hall (275 Elgin Street). Contact Ellen MacIsaac (ellen@laughingbrook.ca).

11 September, 7:30–9:30pm, Trylawny Male Choir

See this Cornish choir in concert with the hosting Ottawa Carleton Male Choir. Proceeds go to the Queensway Carleton Hospital. Concert takes place at Woodroffe United Church (207 Woodroffe Avenue); adults \$15, students \$10, tickets available at door. Call 613-293-9046 for details.



12 September, 9:00pm–12:00am, Dance Fundraiser

Some bright local stars of Irish dance are raising funds to participate in the All-Ireland Dance Championships. A night of dance and music is promised to accompany great food and drinks. St. James Gate (111 Bridge Street, Carleton Place), spaces limited, tickets \$5. For ticket reservation and information, call 613-864-1433.



25–27 September, Arnprior Immersion Weekend

Always great fun to be had! Practice the Irish you have with fluent speakers and learners from the area. Learners of all levels welcome. A neat package with meals, lessons, workshops, cultural activities, wonderful friends, and great natural beauty up the Ottawa River.

Please contact Toni (toni144@gmail.com) for details.

Updates from the Chair | Nuachtaí ón Chathaoirleach

The following is an excerpt from the Chair's updates to members made in May on that which was discussed at the provincial convention. The Chair's Corner is a regular feature on our blog at OttawaComhaltas.blogspot.ca. Please feel free to submit your own pieces to our blog by writing to our Webmaster!

- On-line version of *Treoir* will be available in two years
- There is a recognition that Canada has a different history and different connection to Ireland than the US
- Canada has to become a province first, before it can make proposal for funding
- Ireland would support a request from Canada to form its province
- Sarah Johnson (MO) new Irish Language Officer for the Province

Respectfully submitted, Cathaoirleach

Membership Renewal

Please do not forget to renew your membership for 2015–2016!

If you are not yet a member, become a member to get great deals on our events and classes year-round.

Registration online conveniently provides an opportunity to register for language and dance classes:

<http://www.ottawacomhaltas.com/membership-and-class-registration.php>.

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

Mí Mheáin Fómhair

