



Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

Nuachtlitir | Newsletter

Mí na Nollag 2014 December

Craobh OTTAWA Branch

CÉILÍ

December 20 Nollaig

8:00pm – 11:30pm

Blessed Sacrament Hall,
194 Fourth Avenue

Cost: | Costas:

Members — \$10 — Ball

Non-members — \$15 — Aionna

Students — \$5 — Scoláire

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

**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

Ottawa Comhaltas Blog:
ottawacomhaltas.blogspot.com

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

Toques and Toes Drive

Donations of warm items of clothing (such as new hats, scarves, mittens, socks...) for those less fortunate in our community as the weather gets colder will be accepted at the December céilí. Cash donations to the charity are also gladly welcome.

Ottawa Celtic Choir

The December céilí will feature Ellen MacIsaac and the Ottawa Celtic Choir.

The OCC is a community choir that sings in all six modern Celtic languages as well as English and French.

Practices Tuesday evenings.

For information, please contact
Ellen (ellen@laughingbrook.ca)



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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

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:

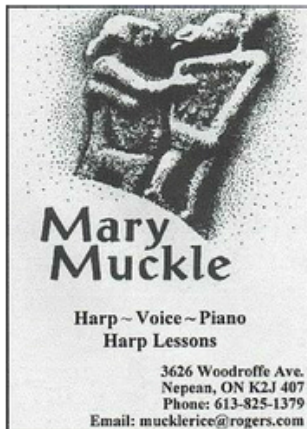
<http://comhaltasarchive.ie/>

Irish-Music Lessons

CCÉ has instruments available for loan.

- Accordion
- Flute
- Harp
- 2 Children's Fiddles

Please check our website www.ottawacomhaltas.com
for availabilities and applications!



Sessions in Ottawa and the Valley

Contact Craig Hamm or Charles Dunlap at
cdunlap@xplornet.com for information on music,
workshops and concerts in your area!

<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

IRISH-Language classes | Ranganna Gaeilge

Monday Evenings | Oíche Dé Luain

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

More information, textbooks, prices:
Tuilleadh eolais, téacsleabhair, costais:
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

Monday Night Classes

Language and dance classes taking place at Blessed Sacrament Hall on Monday nights will break for the Holidays on 15 December, to resume in January 2015.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Céilí

Sold out every year, the tickets for the St. Patrick's Day dinner and céilí will be on sale soon for its 2015 edition.

Early bird prices will be available this year before January 1. Please stay tuned for the latest news.

Celtic MTL 2015

The Montréal Celtic Society is encouraging vendors to fund Celtic MTL 2015, an exposition of Celtic cultures in Montréal set for 2–3 May 2015. Please see MontrealCelticSociety.org for details.

Events in the Region | Imeachtaí sa Cheantar

December 6, St. Andrew's Day Cèilidh

Celtic Cross Dancers, the Sons of Scotland Pipe Band, and other performers at the St. Andrew's Day Cèilidh at 294 Cyr Avenue.

December 13, 3:00pm, GAA Social

Ottawa's GAA team, the Gaels, invites everyone 19+ to the Lafayette House (42 York Street) in ugly Christmas jumpers for some casual socialisation. Contact info@ottawagaels.ca for details.

December 14, 10:00am–12:00pm, Pancake Breakfast

Every month, St. Brigid's Centre for the Arts (310 St. Patrick Street) serves live music with a full pancake breakfast (ham, sausage, home fries, juice, and more). Special Santa surprise for kids! \$5 adults, \$3 children.

December 14, 3:00pm, Welsh Caroling

The Cymdeithas Cymry OTTAWA Welsh Society Christmas celebration. Experience carols to a pipe organ in the Welsh language as well as treats. Westminster Church (470 Roosevelt Avenue), contact Rob at RobertPrice@magma.ca for details.

December 28, 1:00pm–4:00pm, Cèilidh

Comunn Gàidhlig Ottawa holds their monthly cèilidh at 28 Granville Avenue. Free entry for CGO members, \$5 entry for guests. Please contact Randy for more information at 613-286-1003.

"In Ireland and other countries, a [folk music revival](#) has been going on since the beginning of the 20th century. Many musicians have sought to draw on the original sources of folklore traditions as a way of renewing their own art, but this "renewal" is not always geared to preserving traditional culture before its disappearance..."

For this story and more, visit our blog at:
OttawaComhaltas.blogspot.ca.

Branch Updates | Nuacht Chraoibhe

Canada East AGM

On 25 October, the Annual General Meeting for the Canada East Region was held in Ottawa.

Aside from many meetings held by delegates from across the region, workshops in the Irish language, singing, and instruments were also held.



Photos: Patricia Cassidy.

Many delegates lingered for the dinner and céilí that followed. Ottawa was commended for hosting a well-run

Lá Gaeilge

Bhí lá lán-Gaeilge iontach maith againn le ranganna agus lóin áille ar fad 15ú Samhain.

The Irish-language immersion day saw great workshops and delicious lunch served up on 15 November.

November Céilí

The exceptional Ottawa Céilí Band really made the night!



Photos: Paty Avendano.

Intermission performers Kyle Burghout and Anthony Vial have arranged a holiday concert that can be played at various venues. Please contact Kyle at kyle.violin@gmail.com if you are interested in hosting or attending such a concert in December or January.

-- CCÉ Ottawa, Mí na Nollag 2014 December