

Nuachtlitir CCÉ Craobh Ottawa Branch Newsletter

November 2012

Samhain 2012

Lá Gaeilge

Irish Language Immersion Day

Saturday, November 17th
9:00 am – 4:00 pm



Registration and
welcome from: 8:30 am – 9:00 am

Blessed Sacrament Church Hall
194 Fourth Ave. (in the Glebe), Ottawa

A fun day of learning the Irish Language organized by the Ottawa Irish Language Group, Caint is Comhrá, under the auspices of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann.

No experience necessary, all levels welcome.

Cost: \$25 (Includes Lunch and Coffee Breaks)

Contact Toni Forsythe at:
toni144@gmail.com or 613-233-9927

Please confirm your intent to attend by
Monday, November 12th.

Your Comhaltas membership needs to be renewed each year. Renewal notices have been sent out to all current members and we would appreciate receiving your form and payment as soon as possible.

*If you do not receive the renewal notice, please contact Pat at:
819-778-2827 or p_cassidy@sympatico.ca*

Forms for new memberships are available from Pat or on-line at: www.ottawacomhaltas.com

Have information for the newsletter, contact the PRO: 613-722-3620 or criostoir.seoirse@gmail.com

November Céilí

Saturday, November 17th

8:00 pm to 11:30 pm
Blessed Sacrament
Church Hall
194 Fourth Ave.

Cost:
CCÉ members – \$10,
Guests – \$12,
Students – \$5,
Children under 12 – free

**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

2011/2012 Céilís

November 17th

December 15th

January 19th

February 16th

March 16th
Dinner and Céilí

April 20th

May 18th

Toques and Toes Drive

During this Christmas season, Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Ottawa Branch and the Heart and Crown are accepting donations of new warm outer winter wear – toques, socks, mittens, gloves and scarves for men, women and children. These items will be distributed to people in need in the area. Donations will be accepted at the November and December céilís.

*For information on various Ottawa Comhaltas events, links to other Comhaltas branches and more, check out our website at:
<http://www.ottawacomhaltas.com>*

*Also, follow us on Facebook and Twitter:
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/193752260177>
<http://twitter.com/@OttawaCCE>*

Other CCÉ Events

Irish Language and Set/Céilí Dance Classes

All classes will run on **Monday evenings from: September 10th to December 17th**

All classes will take place at:
Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, 194 Fourth Ave.
Contact: Sheila.Scott@uottawa.ca

Beginner Irish Language classes:

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
CCÉ members – \$80, Non-members – \$90

Intermediate/Advanced Irish Language classes:

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
CCÉ members – \$105, Non-members – \$120

Set/Céilí Dance class:

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
\$7.00 per night,
CCÉ members – \$75, Non-members – \$90

Irish Solo Dance class:

8:00 pm – 9:30 pm
For more information, contact Caitlin Crockard:
cscrockard@hotmail.com

If people are interested in sean-nós dancing, we will run a class from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Irish Language Conversation Group

Every Friday at 5:30 pm at the Heart and Crown in the Byward Market

Gach Aoine ag 5.30 ag an Heart and Crown sa Mhargadh Byward

Organized by Eoin Keane, the ICUF scholar teaching Irish this year at the University of Ottawa, and who is the Irish Officer of the Comhaltas Ottawa Branch.

Come out and practice your Irish!

Photos From the Echoes of Erin Concert

Here is a photo from the Echoes of Erin concert that took place in Ottawa on October 18th.



Photo: Courtesy of Patricia Cassidy

More photos from the concert can be view at:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/pat4792/sets/72157631809632096/>

New Comhaltas Ottawa Blog

Starting this November, CCÉ Ottawa Branch now has a blog at: <http://ottawacomhaltas.blogspot.ca/>

What is a blog? A blog is a 'web log' (thus, 'blog') which logs, or captures the stories and news of the blog author, or its various contributors. Normally you just read the blog online just like any other website. The latest news is nearer the top of the blog, and the older news is towards the bottom. The new CCÉ blog can also be easily read on your mobile device, such as the many 'smart phones' that now exist. You can also subscribe to the blog so you can receive the latest posts via email.

The purpose of the new blog is to post topics of interest to the CCÉ Ottawa Branch membership and greater community. For this we need your help. We strongly encourage your direct submissions on topics that you want us to post. Examples are: your favourite or heirloom Irish Soda bread recipe, poems, short stories,

reminiscences, or event news that are related to the CCÉ Ottawa Branch mission.

Direct submissions (you write the content, we post it for you) can be sent to the CCÉ Ottawa Branch webmaster at:
webmaster@ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com,
or you can submit your post at:
webmaster8617.comhaltas@blogger.com

Other Irish Community Events

Circle of Friends Harp Concert

Saturday, November 3rd at 7:30 pm
St. John's Church (at Elgin and Somerset)
154 Somerset St. West, Ottawa

Featuring: Acacia Lyra, Zephyr Harp Duo,
Gordon Johnston, Lucile Brais Hildesheim

Tickets: \$20 (available at the door)

Reception following the concert. CD's, harps, accessories available.

Saint Brigid's Pancake Breakfast

Come one, come all. The next breakfast will be held on **Sunday, November 4th from 10:00 am to noon** at **Saint Brigid's Centre for the Arts**. This is always a lively event. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and includes a great breakfast plus musical entertainment by very talented musicians from the local Irish community.

Address: 310 St. Patrick St (entrance on Cumberland Street)

Information: 613-244-7373
<http://saintbrigidscentre.com/Events.htm>

Celtic Cross is a new performance group made up of adult dancers from the disciplines of Irish, Highland, and Ottawa Valley step dance.

The group has a roster of over 20 dancers with decades of experience as teachers, choreographers, performers and competitors. They perform 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!

For more information, e-mail:
celticcrossottawa@gmail.com
<http://celticcrossdancers.com/>



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



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

Irish Seniors Drop-in Centre

Tuesdays 11a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
St. Margaret Mary's Church Hall, Fairbairn at Sunnyside.

Join the gang for pot-luck lunch, stories, music and great craic!
Kay 613-829-8467 or Margo 613-837-4164

The Ottawa Celtic Choir is a community choir whose mandate is to sing the songs of the Celtic nations and the Celtic diaspora in English and in the six Celtic languages.

Ellen MacIsaac
613-552-3964 or ellen@laughingbrook.ca

Blog: <http://ottawacelticchoir.blogspot.ca/>

St. Luke's Concert Series

Sunday, November 25th at 7:30 pm
St. Luke's Church
760 Somerset St. West, Ottawa

Mary Muckle (harp) with Kirsten Carlson (flute) are joined by Kelly Aminian and Julie Leduc, harps in ensemble, and the Welsh penillion choir Cantorion Cerdd Dant present a program celebrating Celtic Harpers and Kings through the music of Thurlough O'Carolan and Jared Denhard.

Admission by donation.

Ireland-Canada Chamber of Commerce Ottawa Monthly Networking Socials

Every 2nd Thursday in every month at 5:30 pm

Peter Devine's Pub
67 Clarence St., Byward Market

All are welcome! More information:
<http://www.iccott.org/>

Ottawa Celtic Choir's New Season

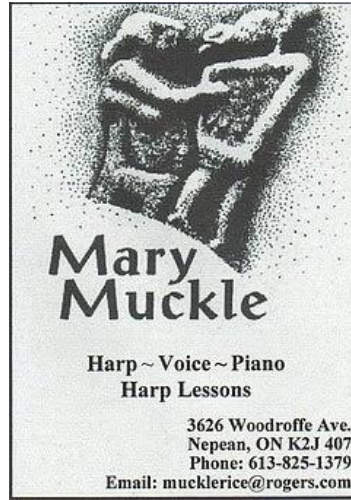
The Ottawa Celtic Choir has started its new season and it's shaping up to be a great one! The choir will be performing with two guest choirs this year, the Montreal Welsh Men's Choir in December, and Ar n-Oran, Ottawa's Scots Gaelic choir.

New members are welcome. If you are interested, contact the director, Ellen MacIsaac:
613-552-3964 or ellen@laughingbrook.ca

Rehearsals: Tuesdays, 7 pm to 9 pm
Location: St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, Somerset and Elgin

Check out ComhaltasLive Programme Listing:
<http://comhaltas.ie/music/programmes>

Also, check out the Comhaltas Archive:
<http://comhaltasarchive.ie/>



Anyone interested in music classes, contact:
Rita Walker
jantarborzoi@sympatico.ca

Ottawa Valley Step Dancing Lessons:

Contact Dawn Dewar
(613) 794-3296

Interested in hosting a house concert?

Contact Craig: ballyfingers@gmail.com

<http://www.irishmusicottawa.ca/>
<http://irishmusicottawa.blogspot.com/>

Sessions in Ottawa and the Valley!

Contact Janice Parton or Craig Hamm for info on music, workshops and concerts in your area!

<http://www.irishmusicottawa.ca/>
<http://irishmusicottawa.blogspot.com/>

Our Lady of the Annunciation Christmas Concert

Wednesday, December 5th at 7:00 pm
189 Archambault St., Gatineau (Hull Sector)

Acacia Lyra, Don McHale, Don Kavanagh, Tom McSwiggan, Kristina Da Costa, Mary Comerton, The O.L.A. Singers, St. Bridget's Session.

Tickets: \$10 (until Nov. 25th), \$15 afterwards
Information: 819-778-2827

Rose of Tralee Ottawa Centre

Following the 2012 Ottawa Rose selection last March, Avaleigh Eastman traveled to Portlaoise, Co. Laois, Ireland for the Regionals of the Rose of Tralee International Festival in May. In total, there

was a record 54 young women who participated as Regional Roses from Europe, Australia, England, Ireland, Canada, United States and even the United Arab Emirates (as Dubai has a Rose Centre). All four Canadian Centres were present - Edmonton and Western Canada; Toronto; Newfoundland and Labrador; and of course, Ottawa. Avaleigh was one of the two Canadians selected to return to Ireland in August.

Avaleigh returned to Ireland as one of the 32 International Roses. Together, they took part in gala events, visits to heritage and community sites, and excursions to Irish tourist destinations like Croke Park and Leinster House as part of the 10-day 'Rose Tour' from Dublin to Tralee. The last five days were spent in Tralee, Co. Kerry itself for the official Festival. In addition to having an individual interview with judges beforehand, Avaleigh's on-stage interview with RTE Broadcast host Daithi O'Se took place on the first night of the Festival's two-evening finale. With the grace and that humble 'country girl' charm seen in her interview with CTV's Michael O'Byrne at the Ottawa Selection; Avaleigh made her way through her interview with ease, poise, and humour. Daithi brought up her Tyrone roots, the Eastman family in Ottawa, Avaleigh's farming background - including her role as the Queen of the Furrow, and some of the similarities she had with her escort, a fellow farmer!

This year, Luxembourg Rose Nicola McEvoy was selected to be the 2012 Rose of Tralee. Avaleigh represented our Centre marvellously well during her time in Ireland as the 2012 Ottawa Rose, and certainly helped to bring more awareness in Ireland about the Canadian Centres participating in the Rose of Tralee.

For more information, articles, and photos, please visit: www.roseoftralee.ca.



Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann is a registered cultural non-profit organization

If you are interested in volunteering for the Centre or applying to be the 2013 Ottawa Rose, please contact Rose of Tralee Ottawa Centre at: info@roseoftralee.ca.

Here is a photo of the 2012 Ottawa Rose Avaleigh Eastman in Tralee Co. Kerry with her escort Pat O'Connor and two supporters for the Rose of Tralee International Festival in August:



Photo: Courtesy of the Rose of Tralee Ottawa Centre

News and Announcements

Thank You From Echoes of Erin Performer

A chairde,

This is just a few lines to express my gratitude for the wonderful welcome we received in Ottawa on our recent Echoes of Erin Tour of Canada. I have to congratulate you on a well organised concert and a lovely warm audience!! I was amazed and delighted at the number of people who were able to speak Irish fluently to me - I do believe that I never met as many Irish speakers at one concert in all our travels!!! I particularly liked your welcome notice at the door and believe that many branches around Ireland could take a leaf from your book!! Karen Tracey and I stayed with Melita Maher and I can only say that I have never met such an inspirational person! She was kindness itself and looked after us like we were her own children - we really felt at home!

Le gach dea-mhéin,
Bairbre Uí Theighneáin