



Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

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Samhain | November 2013

Fáilte | Welcome

Introducing the 2013-2014 executive!

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Upcoming Events

November Céilí

Saturday, November 16

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

Cost:

CCÉ members	\$10
Guests	\$15
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

Monthly Céilís

September 21st

October 26th

November 16th

December 21st

January 18th

February 15th

March 15th

Dinner and Céilí

April 12th

May 17th

Irish Language in Ottawa

The Irish language is becoming increasingly popular around the world, particularly among young people. Many popular English songs are being adapted by young Irish speakers for the world to hear. A popular example is TG Lurgan's adoption of Anna Kendrick's "[Cups \(When I'm Gone\)](#)".

You can also find Irish adaptations of Robin Thicke's famous "[Blurred Lines](#)", Avicii's "[Wake Me Up](#)", Fun's "[Some Nights](#)", among many others. (If you are unable to press the hyperlink, you can type the title of the song + as gaeilge in Youtube and the video will pop up)

What are the causes of the growing interest in Gaeilge? Maybe it's because One Direction can sing as Gaeilge. It could be that in a culture full of likeness, people are looking for that one thing that sets them apart from the crowd, like speaking a cool, ancient language. It could also be that people are looking to get back to their Irish roots. Or it could just be that Gaeilge is a really neat language that works your brain, your vocal muscles, and just plain sounds cool.

Find out Mondays at Blessed Sacrament why we choose to learn our beloved language!

To order a Level 1 or Level 2 textbook, please contact [Sheila Scott](#).

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

Irish Language Classes

Classes run Monday evenings from
September 9th until December 16th at

Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, 194 Fourth Ave.

Beginner Irish Language classes:

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Advanced Beginner Irish Language classes:

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Intermediate/Advanced Irish Language classes:

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

For information, textbooks, and prices, contact:

sheila.scott@uottawa.ca

Ireland-Canada Chamber of Commerce

Ottawa Monthly Networking Socials

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

Heart and Crown Pub, Clarence St.,

Byward Market

All are welcome! More information:

<http://www.icccott.org/>

Irish Music in Ottawa

With many people looking to turn back to their roots, there is a growing interest in Irish music in Ottawa. With the success of the Echoes of Erin concert last year, there has been a flood of interest in traditional Irish music. Many local Irish pubs feature traditional Irish bands and many of our instruments are in high demand!

In Ottawa, there are a number of outlets for learning and practicing traditional Irish music. CCE Ottawa has an instrument borrowing programme and there are a number of musicians and choral groups offering instruction in the community.

November 26th, view a documentary about traditional Irish music and musician Martin Hayes. For more information, visit the [Canadian Film Institute Website](#).

CCE member Austin Comerton spends his Sundays supporting and promoting Irish music and musicians on [The Gaelic Hour](#) CHIN 97.9 FM from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. Tune in and listen to why he thinks that Irish music is growing in popularity around the world.

Lessons and Sessions

CCE has instruments available for loan. Please check out 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/>

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/>

Visit Craig's blog
about Irish Music
in Ottawa at
<http://www.irishmusicottawa.ca/>

Mary Mucklfe

Harp~Voice~Piano

Heart's Desire Studio

3636 Woodroffe Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario

613 825 1379

<mailto:mucklerice@rogers.com>

ATTENTION MUSICIANS!

Videos, sheet music and more at:

<http://comhaltas.ie/music/>

Also, check out the ComhaltasLive Programme Listing:

<http://comhaltas.ie/music/programmes>

Check out the Comhaltas Archive as well:

<http://comhaltasarchive.ie/>

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

Irish Dance in Ottawa

With TV shows such as So You Think You Can Dance, SYTYCD Canada and Dancing with the Stars, as well as the world tours of troupes such as River Dance, the dance world has blown up all across North America.

CCE offers some very extensive and inexpensive dance classes for all kinds of levels and traditional styles. Dancers get the opportunity to showcase their newly acquired skills monthly at the céilís and at various competitions throughout the year. This past August, dancers were very successful at the Oireachtas in Tamworth, Ontario, and you can read more about it and watch some of the videos on the CCE Ottawa website www.ottawacomhaltas.com.

Dance Classes:

Classes run Monday evenings from September 9th until December 16th at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, 194 Fourth Ave.

Set/Céilí Dance class:

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Irish Solo Dance class:

8:00 pm – 9:30 pm

For more information and cost for classes, please contact Caitlin Crockard: cscrockard@hotmail.com

Ottawa Valley Step Dancing

Lessons:

Contact Dawn Dewar

(613) 794-3296

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/>

EVENTS IN THE REGION:

Saint Brigid's Pancake Breakfast

The next pancake breakfast will be held on Sunday, November 17th from 10:00 am to noon at Saint Brigid's Centre for the Arts.

Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

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

Information: 613-244-7373

<http://saintbrigidscentre.com/Events.htm>

GAA Second Annual United Ireland 9-aside Indoor Gaelic Football Tournament

Please join us in Toronto on Saturday, November 9, 2013 for the second annual 9-aside tournament. For more details, please contact The Ottawa Gaels at ottawagaels@gmail.com.

If you have an event or a piece you would like included in next month's newsletter, please email Lisa at info.ottawacomhaltas@gmail.com