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Seasons
Greetings!



Comhaltas Winnipeg Newsletter



Welcome to our December newsletter! This is the annual holiday edition, and we hope to spread some goodwill and cheer. **Breaking News:** hot off the press as this goes to print, I just received news from Gord Menzies that the Flatland Ceili Band held a zoom session this week! Gord has kindly submitted the tune list they're working on (see page 2). All are welcomed to learn some of the tunes. Please notice, also on page 2 that a new feature is being introduced called **Tune of the Month**. Each month we'll feature a nice, interesting tune with a link so you can hear it. Hope you enjoy this new feature. (A note about links: just copy and paste into your browser). As for Comhaltas activities here in Winnipeg, almost everything is on hold, even small, private sessions. As you know, this past summer, members had been bravely meeting in the park and in garages but now it's time for a complete social lockdown. It's going to be a quiet holiday season but as Dr Tam said recently, "all viruses come to end eventually" so that's the light at the end of the tunnel, and we've all heard the news that a vaccine may be only months away from general public distribution. Speaking of a light at the end of the tunnel, once the Covid virus is behind us, I'm in favour of throwing a "Covid Freedom" potluck party, perhaps as a picnic in the park. The party/celebration could have an Irish theme involving plenty of tunes, potluck food, socializing and fun. And so, from Comhaltas Winnipeg to all of you, we send our best wishes for happiness and health!

Submitted by Virginia Lockett



Meet our Members

Lynn McLean



Lynn grew up in a family that loved making music with other people. Parties at their Mt. Seymour cabin featured accordions, guitars, the odd saxophone, unbridled singing, dancing, and laughter, all by the light of Coleman lanterns and candles. Lynn taught herself a few guitar chords as a teenager, took accordion lessons in her 20's, a smattering of tin whistle, jembe, piano, and in the last few years, alto sax, ukulele, banjouke, and fiddle. Lynn was an active member of The Winnipeg Labour Choir for over 15 years, and Manitoba International folk dance association, English country Dancing, and Irish Set Dancing. She loves singing and playing music with her husband John and various circles of friends. Lynn enjoys a wide range of genres, and believes sharing music is 'key' to health and happiness.

Tune of the Month
Patsy Geary's Jig
Taught by Martin Hayes

<https://youtu.be/44LU0nt921M>

Patsy Geary's Jig



Submitted by Gord

Flatland Ceili Band Tunes

These are the tunes that the band played
at their recent zoom meeting

Devaney's Goat/The Rookery/Palmer's Gate
 Sweetness of Mary/Huey Jim Paul's
 Cooking in the Kitchen/Bundle and Go
 Carolan's Ramble to Cashel
 I have a Bonnet Trimmed in Blue/O'Connors
 Valley Desmond (3 polkas)
 Martin Rochfort
 Sergeant Early's Dream

Bank of Ireland/Humours of Tulla/North Reel
 Miss Hamilton
 The Kitchen Piper

Submitted by Bill Kirkpatrick

<https://www.theresemcinerney.com/tradcast.html>

Description: "Tradcast with Therese, in association with the Arts Council of Ireland, is a new resource for traditional musicians, singers, dancers and listeners, one that is enjoyable, engaging and informative, with useful tips on various matters in the world of traditional arts."



Submitted by Susan Hammer

CCE Wpg Irish Traditional Music School

Hello Folks. I hope you are all keeping well and playing and listening to lots of Irish Traditional Music!

Here is a link to an amazing ITM resource with printed sheets, authentic recordings and tune info. Definitely worth exploring.

<https://connollymusiccollection.bc.edu/>

And for an interesting and useful website on Donegal Music and fiddlers check this out.

<http://donegalfiddlemusic.ie/interactive-map-of-fiddlers/>

It's still not too late to join our school's

Pandemic Tune Learning project.

We already have 20 participant and there's always room for more. Email me for info:

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Pandemic Art

Feel free to submit art or information for inclusion in future newsletters. We love hearing from you!

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Irish Dream

