

COMHALTAS WINNIPEG MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

January 2024



Greetings Comhaltas Winnipeg Members!

Welcome back all returning members and a big welcome to our new members!

We are hoping that you find this newsletter fun, informative and a platform for sharing amongst members. We are looking for anything of interest you can contribute such as photos of your ITM activities or trips, links to interesting videos, funnies, news about yours or your group's activities, gigs etc. We also appreciate feedback on this Newsletter, so don't be shy, send your ideas and content to hammerSmusic@gmail.com.

NEWS

AGM etc: Our Nov 12th Pizza Party/Session and AGM was a great success with excellent attendance, lots of food and fine Irish music We voted in our 2024 Board plus our membership is growing! Minutes for the AGM will be added to our website in due course soon.

CONGRATULATIONS to Al Amyot for receiving the CCE certificate and medal of appreciation for your many years of service to CCE Winnipeg!

CONGRATULATIONS to Dave Strang for successfully completing the T.T.C.T. certification program at CCE HQ in Dublin, Ireland.

THE FLATLAND CEILI BAND had a lovely article in the Winnipeg Free Press Community News, along with their photo. Congratulations FLCB for 20+ years of fundraising and outreach for Comhaltas Winnipeg.

THURSDAY'S SLOW SESSION GROUP - 6pm coached by Dave Strang at the Irish Club, also at 7pm the Thursday IAM regular session.

We have plans for more CCE Wpg ITM activities in 2024 - stay tuned for details!

Here's our CCE Branch Board for 2024

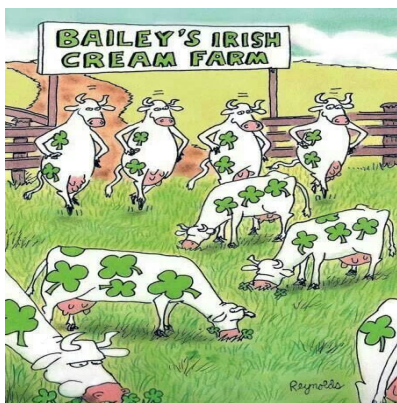
Chair Susan Hammer - Vice Chair Valerie Kitcher - Secretary Paul Hammer/ Pam Jeffrey (new)

Treasurer Dave Strang - Youth Officer - Boris Leung (new) - Irish Officer Maureen Taggart

Auditors - Gord Menzies & Barbara Renton Goodwyn

Welcome and thank you to our two new Board members.

Website: www.comhaltaswinnipeg.ca - Eric Borley Web Master



CHECK OUT SOME EXCELLENT IRISH TRADITIONAL
MUSIC RESOURCES:

<http://itma.ie/>

<http://tradirishmusic.net/>

<https://www.centerforirishmusic.org/irish-music-resources/>

IRELAND TRAVELOG VIDEOS

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL7ZS1MI0SI-t1IJzk1j14loy6dtOu3yRSJ&si=rpDWDjSp1vDUxIwq>

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LINKS TO SOME INTERESTING VIDEOS

How we learn music <https://www.ru.nl/english/news-agenda/news/vm/language-studies/2022/babies-sensitive-rhyme-rhythm-phrases-children/>

Fiddle and Dancer <https://youtu.be/l6h-11P-fDs?si=alswsNVhksD1DVLu>

Lilting (sometimes they had no instruments to dance to so people lilted:
<https://youtu.be/bmfaQbg2COc?si=L2hn1rEAdDIxvju>

Sean Keane documentary <https://youtu.be/3t5n7uXD5kE>

Sligo Style Fiddle <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLG58h7FiZIUPloxeR-ES-puwUCHqF8BsJf>

Rhythm in Music Explained and How to Get Rhythm in Your Playing
https://youtu.be/JISh_c8oUsw

Five Irish Tin Whistle Players <https://irishfestschoolofmusic.com/Blog/5-Irish-Tin-Whistle-Players-You-Need-To-Hear.htm>

Accordion, concertina & fiddle reels <https://youtu.be/A5kSV7WYpY4>

ARE YOU A COMHALTAS MEMBER?

Do you play a tune instrument and want to improve your
“Irish Style” playing?

Do you want to learn how to incorporate
Irish ornamentation, variations etc into your playing?

OR

Do you play in a group?

Would your group like to improve ensemble skills, and
learn how to create interesting performance
arrangements?

Occasional coaching for individuals and groups
No charge for Comhaltas members!

Contact Susan Hammer B. Music. T.T.C.T. Honours (Ireland)
40+ yrs experience as a professional performing musician,
and Irish music teacher

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Cell: 204-894-4499

Hello Comhaltas members! Happy new year!

My name is Cathy Rayner.

Many of you already know me as a fiddle player and teacher around town. For those who don't, I've playing Irish trad and teaching for close to 20 years!

My exciting news for 2024 is that I finally have a website to share!

<https://cathyraynermusic.ca/>

I have space to take on a few more students in January, so please message me if you are interested! Cathy :)



The violin sings, but the fiddle dances!

Learn to play traditional Irish
music on the fiddle or
mandolin!

Classes offered in complete beginner, Irish Trad
basics, session tunes and style development.

All ages and levels welcome!

For more information please
check out my website

CathyRaynerMusic.ca

cathy@cathyraynermusic.ca



Resuming soon!

**FREE INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOPS IN
IRISH TIN WHISTLE & or BODHRAN**

Mondays at Deer Lodge Community Centre in St James

Contact Susan: hammerSmusic@gmail.com

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