



Comhaltas Winnipeg Newsletter

August, 2019

Welcome to the first monthly Comhaltas Winnipeg Newsletter! We hope that this newsletter will provide an interesting and convenient forum for all things Irish in Winnipeg. The newsletter will include interesting information about individuals and groups within our community, with the intention of linking us all together. Each month we welcome submissions from groups and individuals about upcoming events and ongoing activities, so feel free to send in your submissions.

The newsletter will be sent out on the first day of each month, so send your submissions at least one week in advance of the first day of the month.

Over the years many talented people have contributed their time and effort to keep Irish music and culture alive in Winnipeg. It is with a spirit of appreciation of those people that this newsletter is published. For instance, The Annual Winnipeg Irish Festival could not have existed without the help of numerous dedicated volunteers, and for decades, this festival has played a vital role in fostering Irish music.

The Irish Club continues to play an important role in Irish music by generously opening its doors on a regular basis to sessions, meetings, teaching activities and other related events. The Club serves as a location where musicians and friends can gather in their love of all things Irish. So thank you to all the amazing people who keep Irish music alive in Winnipeg. This newsletter is dedicated to you.

Welcome aboard the Comhaltas Winnipeg Newsletter!

See you all at Irish Fest, Sat, Sept 21!

Send in your submissions, comments or suggestions to

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White Strand, Miltown Malbay, Co.Clare Ireland

WINNIPEG IRISHFEST 2019 **Saturday September 21st** **Crescent Ft Rouge United** **Church**

525 Wardlaw (at Nassau St N)
11am to 4:30pm FREE

family-friendly workshops,
demonstrations, sessions
7pm CONCERT tickets at the
door \$15 (under 16yrs free)

This year we are trying something new with our annual Winnipeg Irish Festival (aka IrishFest). We are designing the festival to be a community-building and audience-development event, with free public workshops, demonstrations and sessions during the day and an evening concert showcasing some of our very best local performers. All activities will take place in the Sanctuary of the church to maximize public exposure and participation. We need everyone to share this exciting and fun event and get the word out. Hope to see you there!

CCE School of Irish Traditional Music & Arts

We have a very exciting new project to share with you! Comhaltas Winnipeg is working with the Irish Association of MB to create a CCE School of Irish Traditional Music & Arts at the Irish Club starting this October. Group Classes, Private Lessons, Coached Sessions etc will be available. There will also be special interest workshops with guest instructors throughout the year. In consultation with the IAM and CCE Winnipeg, the decision was made to run the School on the first and third Saturday and the first and third Tuesday of each month from October to the end of May. An Email will be sent out soon, will information on what will be offered and how to register. We are excited about the CCE school because it offers high quality instruction at a centralized location (Irish Club).



Coast of Sligo, Ireland

The Winnipeg Ceili Band

Performing traditional music throughout Winnipeg on a regular basis, the Ceili Band serves as an important Comhaltas fundraiser. Al Amyot, banjo player with the band, kindly submitted the following remarks: The Ceili Band had a very busy spring continuing into the early summer. Highlights for the band were playing at the Stone Angel for St. Patrick's day and again for a triple birthday party, playing Winnipeg Beach and playing twice at the St. Norbert Farmers' Market, the latter time joined by the McConnell School of Dance. The band is taking a break for the rest of the summer until we begin rehearsals for our concert at Irish Fest on September 21.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sam's Place, Last Friday of every month, 7pm. 159 Henderson Hwy. Hosted by Maurice, this is an audience-friendly session with songs and instrumental music. Come and enjoy the excellent food served.

Stone Angel Bar, Every Wednesday, 7pm. 1875 Pembina Hwy.

Hosted by Valerie and Pam, this lovely session varies in size from week to week, depending on who is available to attend. Come and enjoy the drinks from the bar.

Shannon's Pub. Every Saturday 5-7pm. 175 Carlton St.

Hosted by Dale Brown, this lovely session varies from week to week depending on who is available to attend. Conceived as an intermediate to advanced level session, all are welcome to listen while enjoying the excellent food and drink available at Shannon's.

Comhaltas Monthly Meeting, followed by a session,

1st Sunday of every month. Please mark the dates on your calendar as you are warmly welcome to attend.

Date: 1st Sunday of every month.

Time: 1pm

Place: FortWhyte Alive Nature Center

An all-welcome session to follow 2:15pm to 4pm.

Joke of the Month

An Irish Priest was driving down the road when he was pulled over for speeding. The policeman says, "Sir have you been drinking?" "Only water" says the priest. The policeman says: "Then why do I smell wine?" "The priest looks down at his bottle and says "Good Lord, He's done it again!"