

Comhaltas Winnipeg Newsletter

Welcome to the September CCE newsletter! This month there's lots of exciting activities coming up in Winnipeg. For starters, the popular Winnipeg Irish Festival is on Sept. 21 at Crescent Fort Rouge United Church in Osborne Village. This year Irish Fest is spotlighting local talent so you'll get to hear some amazing performers who live right here. In addition to Irish Fest, there are some great music sessions starting up again this Fall. The session scene has flourished, and the number of participants is growing every year. Also, the CCE Winnipeg School of Irish Music will be getting under way in the Fall, so check this newsletter for details.

Winnipeg has a surprisingly rich Irish music scene. Several music groups, numerous individual players, and luthiers of Guitars, Harps, Fiddles, etc., can all be found in our own hometown. As you look around Winnipeg, you'll see an Irish music scene that is ever-growing. So at the publication of this September newsletter I'm excited about the upcoming Irish Festival featuring local performers, and the new season of weekly sessions. I'll see you at some, if not all, of these events!
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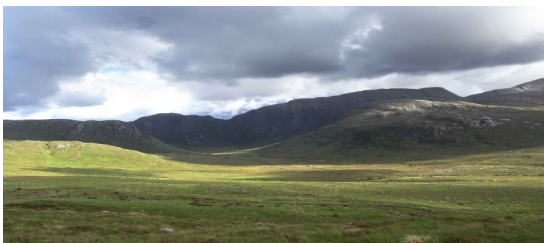


Wave off the coast of White Strand, Miltown Malbay

Upcoming Events

Winnipeg Irish Festival, Saturday Sept. 21
Crescent Fort 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-16 free.

Thursday sessions at The Irish Club 7:30.
Weekly, beginning Sept. 5th. All-welcome!
Tuesday sessions at the Irish Club 7pm
Bi-weekly starting Sept. 10th.
Last Friday of every month at Sam's Place,
159 Henderson Hwy. 7pm.
Saturday sessions at Shannon's Pub on
Carlton. 4:30pm.
Please note, the Wednesday night session
at The Stone Angel is no longer meeting.



CCE School of Traditional Irish Music & Arts
Term 1 Oct.-Jan. (8 classes/lessons)
Term 2 Feb.-May (8 classes/lessons)
Group classes, Private lessons, coached sessions will be available for children and adults, on the first and third Saturdays of each month, and the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Learn for fun and for exam prep.
Contact Susan Hammer. hammersmusic@gmail.com (204-894-4499)

In remembrance

We are saddened by the loss of James Robert Hodgson (Bob), husband of his beloved wife, Kathleen. Bob often participated in the music sessions around town, most often at Sam 's Place. Bob had a beautiful voice and often shared the many interesting songs he knew. He was very close friends with Al Thomson, and the two of them sang in sessions together frequently. Bob was a gentle, kindly person and a talented musician who will be greatly missed by all of us.

We offer our deepest condolences to our dear friend Rae Harris (Comhaltas President for many years) for the loss of her son, Peter Martin Harris. Peter will be remembered for his charm and gentle humour, his love of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, and for engaging in lively political debates. He enjoyed his job at 24/7 In Touch, and he enjoyed many supportive friendships throughout his life. Peter will be greatly missed.



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