



Celtic Madison



Newsletter of the Celtic Music Association of Madison, Wisconsin (www.celticmadison.org)

Spring 2002

The Celtic Music Association with the Celtic Cultural Center and **WORT89.9FM** presents

ST. PAT'S EVE FESTIVAL

Sunday, March 10, 2002

4:00 p.m. to about 8:00 p.m.

Park Ponderosa Ballroom in McFarland

Come celebrate spring and Irish culture with music, dance, fun, and friends. In front of the stage you can dance, mingle, and browse, or just sit down and enjoy the shows. Activities include a supervised creative corner for children and an Irish Gaeltacht area.

SCHEDULE

- 4:00 Trinity Academy of Irish Dance
- 4:30 Navan
- 5:00 Cashel-Dennehy School of Irish Dance
- 5:30 Celtic music and song sampler with The Snug, West Wind, Americay and more
- 7:00 Irish social dancing with the Flying Cow Ceili Band (ceili and set dances for all)

Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for kids under 12. Park Ponderosa is at 5100 Erling Ave., McFarland, Wisconsin. From Madison, take 51 south to the Siggelkow exit. Turn right. Travel one block to a four-way stop, then follow the road around Brandt Park, turning left when you see the Green Lantern.

ABOUT THE PERFORMERS

All performers generously donate their services to benefit the not-for-profit groups Celtic Cultural Center and Celtic Music Association, who cooperatively organize this annual festival. For more information about the Celtic music groups The Snug (Irish instrumental),

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ALTAN

Saturday, April 13, 2002 at 8 p.m. at the Wisconsin Union Theater in their 2001-2002 Performance Series. 608-262-2201.

Admission: \$26/\$25/\$12.50

Madison welcomes back Altan, our favorite Irish band for the past fifteen years. At a time when World Beat Music has homogenized many of the great musical traditions around the globe, Altan brings the electricity and poignancy of the rich tradition of Donegal to the Memorial Union Theater for the first time. Many of the tunes come from the playing of lead fiddler Mairead Ni Mhaonaigh's father, but the dynamic arrangements combining double fiddle, accordion, bouzouki, and guitar are unique to the band. There is no sound like it anywhere else in Irish music today.

Altan is online at <<http://www.altan.ie/>>.

BOHOLA

Friday, May 3, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at Folklore Village, Cty Hwy BB, east of Dodgeville, WI. 608-924-4000.

Admission: \$10 Adults, \$8 Members, \$8 Teens, \$4 Children

"...fiery and inventive ensemble playing..." -- Chicago Tribune. Three of Irish Music's finest musicians, Jimmy Keane, Sean Cleland, and Pat Broaders have pooled their considerable talents in the group bohola. From the wild abandoned playing of reels and jigs to the sensitive interpretation of airs and songs, both traditional and contemporary, bohola has a freshness and subtlety of approach which makes for an evening of music that will not easily be forgotten.

bohola is online at <<http://www.bohola.com/>>.

Americay (traditional Irish, Scottish and Cape Breton music), and Navan (Celtic-language harmonies), visit their Web sites, to which we provide links from our site at <<http://celticmadison.org/>>.

Both the Cashel-Dennehy Irish dancers and the Trinity Academy Irish dancers will demonstrate Irish step dancing in full-dress performances. If you are not familiar with it, Irish step dancing has become known world-wide via the Riverdance and Lord of the Dance shows.

Finally, everyone will be called to the dance floor for Irish set dances and ceili dances led by Jamie Ahlman Ng and Gregory Fischer. Read more about the Flying Cow Ceili Band below.

Flying Cow Ceili Band

Once again, the annual St. Pat's Eve fundraiser on March 10 (see above) will feature the Flying Cow Ceili Band in the last dance session of the evening. The band is made up of participants in the Univ. of Wisconsin Continuing Education Irish music classes from the past few years playing alongside experienced traditional Irish music players from the Madison area. We invite all past and current class participants to be a part of the band. To receive a set list and instructions about setting up for the evening, contact Chelcy Bowles at 265-5629 or <cbowles@dcs.wisc.edu>.



– Chelcy Bowles

Regional Arts

Regional Arts Recognition and Talent Search (ARTS) is a program of the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA) that recognizes and rewards artistically talented youth in Theater, Dance, Visual Arts, Music, and Writing. This opportunity is available to talented young artists, aged 17 or 18 on December 1, 2002 with permanent residency in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, or Wisconsin. The

program is the first step in becoming a Presidential Scholar in the Arts and also presents scholarship and reward opportunities. Those invited to Regional ARTS week, July 29 - August 3, 2002, will experience an all-expense paid week of master classes, seminars, auditions, showcases, and interdisciplinary activities with arts professionals and educators. The application deadline is April 10, 2002. Call toll free 866-230-ARTS or email Elliott@nfaa.org.

NFAA/Regional ARTS
150 East Gilman Street, Suite 1250
Madison, WI 53703
<<http://www.regionalarts.org/>>

– Maureen O'Brien, Regional Arts

Celtic Music Classes

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Continuing Studies offers courses throughout the year in which you may learn about and play Celtic music. The courses draw upon the expertise of some of Madison's most popular, talented, and knowledgeable musicians that you know from bands such as Keltori, Navan, Public House Ceili Band, and The Snug. If you prefer



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to learn at home, you may want to explore our online Celtic music class (see below).

The following classes are on the slate for FALL 2002:

Celtic Music Beyond Erin's Shores
Gaelic Traditional Singing
Beginning and Intermediate Harp
Irish Fiddle
Beginning and Intermediate Tin Whistle
Beginning and Intermediate Bodhran
Accompanying Irish Dance Music on Guitar, Harp, or Piano
Off the Page: Playing by Ear
On the Page: Playing from Notation

If you want on the mailing list to receive information about Celtic music classes, e-mail your name and address to Chelcy Bowles: cbowles@dcs.wisc.edu. Chelcy can also tell you about the other 50 music classes available next year, from opera to African drumming.

ONLINE: Celtic Music: Regional Cultures and Modern Success

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– Chelcy Bowles

Regular Celtic Music Events

- The core session is at Mickey's Tavern, (608) 251-9964, 1524 Williamson St., every Wednesday starting after 7:30 p.m.
- The smoke-free session is the fourth Sunday of each month 5:00-7:00 p.m. at NEW LOCATION yet to be determined.
- You may prefer the laid-back and encouraging atmosphere on the first Sunday of every month at the Willy Street Co-op, 1221 Williamson St., from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Beginners welcome.
- NEW IRISH SESSION: Date: Third Thursday every month. Location: Kennedy Manor, 1 Langdon St., Madison. Attendees may park in the first parking lot on the right after entering the Edgewater Hotel driveway; the gate will open automatically. The session begins at 7:30 p.m. with an hour for slow players, then "regular speed folks" take over.

Spring Celtic Events

Mar. 09: Navan (Celtic-language harmonies): Legacy House Imports, 4221 Lien Rd., 663-1340. Performances from 1-2 p.m. and 2:30-3:30 p.m. Limited seating--call if you'd like reservations for tea room.

Mar. 10: Mad Harpers Harp Circle, St. Patrick's Church, 12:30 p.m.

Mar. 15: StoneRing (Irish and Scots traditional music): 8 - 12 p.m. Stone Harbor Resort, 107 1st Ave., Sturgeon Bay, WI.

Mar. 15: Old Blind Dogs: Monona Terrace.

Mar. 16: Public House Ceili Band (traditional Irish dance band): St. Patrick's weekend ceili dance benefiting the Milwaukee Irish Cultural Heritage Center. 8 p.m.

Mar. 16: StoneRing: 8 - 12 p.m. Stone Harbor Resort, 107 1st Ave., Sturgeon Bay, WI.

Mar. 17: **St. Patrick's Day Parade** on Madison's Capitol Square 1:30 p.m. Join in! Family groups, schools, and everyone are all invited to contribute floats, banners, music, performances, win costume contests, etc. Contact 249-4085 or walshro@dhfs.state.wi.us.

Mar. 17: Rolliana Scheckler (Celtic harper): Olbrich Gardens Winter Concert Series. 2 p.m. Rolliana will play Celtic harp solos suitable for an Irish wedding, then will be joined by friends for a rousing rendition of Danny Boy and a St. Pat's singalong. Free; goodwill donation to gardens of \$1.

Mar. 17: Shamrock Club 5 p.m. cocktail party, 6 p.m. corn beef and cabbage dinner with live entertainment. Jingles Coliseum Bar.

Mar. 17: Keltori (traditional Celtic music): Harmony Bar, 2201 Atwood Ave., Madison. This performance will be shared between Keltori and West Wind (Alan Ng, Karen, Bob, Josh Perkins). 6-10 p.m.

Mar. 17: StoneRing: 6 - 10 p.m. Club Tavern, 1915 Branch St., Middleton.

Mar. 23: StoneRing: Concert, Lakeland College, P.O. Box 359, Sheboygan, WI, Phone 920-565-1000.

Apr. 25: **Trinity Irish Dance** at Madison Civic Center, 258-4141.

Apr. 27: Public House Ceili Band (traditional Irish dance band): Set dance in Milwaukee at the ICHC.

May 18: StoneRing: 12:30 - 2:00 p.m., O'Fitchburg Days, Fitchburg, WI.



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This newsletter is published approximately three times per year by the Celtic Music Association of Madison, Wisconsin. Articles and news relevant to Celtic culture in the Madison area are welcome. Business-card sized advertisements are also available. Contact <cma@celticmadison.org>.

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