THE MÍCHEÁL Ó DOMHNAILL BRANCH OF OREGON
COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN

EANÁIR 2023 I January Newsletter

ÓN mBORD I Message from the board:

A chairde,

It's post-holiday blah. It's wet, dark mornings. It's bone-chilling gusts of wind up the back of your shirt. It's January in Oregon. YAY! There's no wonder holiday lights are kept up so long here. :-/ But take heart and look closely at the trees. There are buds! The days slowly lengthen as we continue our cycle of time to return to fertile spring. So it's okay to be lazy, to stay in bed an extra hour, to call in Postmates or DoorDash for the third time this week! You won't always feel like this. Besides, it feels like it's always spring in our community. We've ongoing programming to tempt you out from under your heaviest blankets and into our world-famous blustery, wet weather. Whether it's the promise of uplifting tunes, heart quickening dances, or bright, warm smiles from friendly faces, we continue to grow from strength to strength. So read on to see all that is new and exciting, not to mention familiar and heartening, and we hope to see your rosy, pale cheeks at an upcoming event soon. (Might we suggest Celtic Community Night on Wednesday?!)

Ná laga Dia sibh (may god not weaken you!),

Your MÓD Board

AN NUACHT POIBLÍ I Community News:

MÓD Membership Renewals:
It's not too late! There's more than enough time for you to join or renew your membership with MÓD. To do so, please click here! Feel free to use this link as well to donate, should membership not suit your interests but you'd like to support our aims.

MÓD Quarterly General Meeting:
Our Imbolg (spring) General Meeting is open to MÓD members and will be held from 4:00-4:30pm at the Saturday Rambling House event on January 28, 2023. Feel free to give a donation at the main door to the venue but if you're only participating in the meeting, you are not required to donate.

TREOIR Magazine:
If you renewed or joined MÓD before the end of 2022, you may have recently received your copy of Treoir (pronounced /troar/)- the official publication of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann. If it hasn't reached you by the end of the month, contact us!

Call for committee members:
If you are interested in the types of committee currently organized or in serving on a branch committee for the 2022- 23 year, please contact us! Committees are the power behind our organization's vision/aims and help us run successful programming. Committees are open to members and non-members.

Celtic Community Night volunteers at Artichoke Music:
Call for volunteers!! Community members interested in being involved with running sound, tending bar, welcoming folx at the door, or playing MC for the Celtic Community Night events at Artichoke Community Music should contact Richie Rosencrans.

Saturday Rambling House volunteers at Waverly UCC:
Call for volunteers!! Community members interested in being involved with room set up/take down, potluck, and final cleaning duties for the Rambling House should contact us!

Two Rivers Céilí Band:
Calling all women/femme musicians! Players intersted in learning more about the Two Rivers Céilí Band should contact Teresa Baker.

All-Ireland Cultural Society:
The January edition of their newsletter is available here!

In-person Irish Gaelic Language Courses:
Portland Community College (Cascade Campus)

Irish Gaelic 1 CRN: 12947 1/11/23 - 3/22/23
Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:20 pm

Irish Gaelic 2 CRN: 14724 1/11/23 - 3/22/23
Wednesdays 7:30 - 8:50 pm

Irish Gaelic 3 CRN: 14725 1/10/23 - 3/21/23
Tuesdays 6:00 - 7:20 pm

Classes start SOON. To register visit PCC's Community Education page.

Portland Hibernian Society:
The Portland Hibernian Society officially came into being January 1st 2023, as a restructured off-shoot of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH).
Now independent of AOH and self-governing, PHS membership pool is inclusive, non-religious, and open to any and all who love Ireland. For information on membership contact Bill Gallagher or follow them on their Facebook page. Their next meeting is coming up on Thursday, January 19th.

SEISIÚN NUA I NEW Tune Explorer Session:

Jonathan Lay's work with TrailJams is inspiring. He has done such a service for our community in introducing and cultivating a love of Irish tunes among an enthusiastic group of learners in the Portland area for going on three years now! Recently, fiddle player and TrailJam sessioner Karen Dale reached out to the branch to sponsor an ongoing beginner session at Waverly UCC to accommodate a slower tempo and learning atmosphere. We jumped at the chance and <TA-DA> the TrailJam Tune Explorer Session was born! *Míle buíochas a ghabháil le* Jonathan and Karen for the work you've both put into this. For more information visit TrailJams or read on!

Are you wishing for a tune session in the Portland, Oregon area that is slower than the regular TrailJams session and that includes some tune teaching and learning? Tune Explorer Sessions are weekly slow & learning sessions for musicians who are just starting to build repertoire and skill, or are building proficiency on an instrument.

This session will be focused on playing traditional Irish tunes on melody instruments (not rhythm instruments or percussion).

Maybe you are:

- **A beginner with only a few tunes in hand.**
- **Exploring a second (or third, or fourth!) instrument and aren't comfortable playing it yet at a zippier session.**
- **Wanting to learn tunes in a group to be sure the version you learn is the one that is played locally.**

If so, come check out the Tune Explorer session meeting weekly on Saturdays from 2 - 4:00 PM at the Waverly United Church of Christ at 3300 SE Woodward Street in Portland starting THIS SATURDAY, January 7th. Participants are asked to donate $5-10 per session to cover the cost of rent. And if you're tempted, Phil and Maldon Meehan offer dance classes from 4 - 6:00 PM on the same day at the same location, should you wish to stick around for dancing. *Bail ó Dhia oraibh* - god further your work!

AN MARGADH I The Marketplace:

Do you have instruments, music paraphenalia, etc. needing a good home? We're setting aside space in our newsletter as a marketplace to sell/trade/swap your treasures with other folx in our community.

Send us a description of your wares with picture(s) and price/trade/swap conditions, and we'll be sure to include it in November's newsletter.

ONGOING ENTRY:

1/4 size Erwin Otto Violin/fiddle $200
Like new condition, with bow, rosin, shoulder rest and case.
Model 8011 Serial # 11060

Please e-mail, call or text Dawn at (503) 367-7708 or dawnmj_2000@yahoo.com

We've a stellar line up of pipers from our community ready to share their talents and wealth of knowledge concerning the piping traditions of Ireland and Scotland. Come listen to **Preston Wilde** on flat pitched 'grand union' pipes, **Tania Skinner** on concert pitched uilleann pipes, **Channing Dodson** on Scottish small pipes, **Brad Angus** on border pipes, and **Murdoch Angus** on Northumbrian small pipes. This will be an event you won't want to miss!

IMEACHTAÍ NA MÍOSA I January Events:

Celtic Community Night:
Tionól na bPíobairí I The Pipers' Gathering
Wednesday, January 11th 2023
Artichoke Community Music, Portland

Doors: 6:45 PM
Performance: 7:00 PM
Community music: 8:00 - 9:00 PM
Admission: $10 per person

MÓD Youth Session w/Niamh Branigan
Sunday, January 8th 2023
Hostel Café
1810 NW Glisan Ave, Portland
4:30 - 5:30 PM

Oíche na n-Amhrán I Night of Songs
Thursday, January 19th 2023
T.C. O'Leary's Pub
2926 NE Alberta St, Portland
8:00 - 10:00 PM

Saturday Rambling House
Waverly United Church of Christ
3300 SE Woodward St, Portland
4:00 - 10:00 PM

The Rambling House returns to celebrate the advent of spring (I know it's hard to see it through the rain and gloom!) commonly known as Imbolg or St. Bridget's Day in Ireland! In fact, this will be the first year that St. Bridget's Day is recognized as an official bank holiday in the Republic. If you missed the inaugural event in October, rest assured that we have another amazing line up of activities planned to help you get warm and keep you smiling through to St. Patrick's Day. So shine up your shoes, polish up your tunes, and think about which dish you'll be bringing to the potluck!

FÁILTE ROMHAT I Welcoming a New Face

Hi! My name is Holly Griffith and I'm the new Artistic Director at Corrib Theatre, the only Irish theatre company on America's West Coast. I recently completed an MFA in Theatre Directing at The Lir Academy, Trinity College Dublin, where I was mentored by Irish theatre director Annabelle Comyn. I was born and raised in Dayton, Ohio where I participated in youth theatre but began my professional career as a resident actor at The Rogue Theatre in Tucson, Arizona. I have a lasting interests in ensemble work, literary adaptation, comedy and clown, and live musical scoring and foley. I'm also a science enthusiast, Hispanophile, novice tarot reader, Ravenclaw, mac & cheese connoisseur, cat sugar mama, and graveyard wanderer. If you catch me sipping a pint at O'Leary's, come introduce yourself! So excited to be a new addition to this community.

DAMHSA SA MBAILE I Dancing Around Town:

Hey! Did you know that the MÓD website now has a page dedicated to set dancing? Check it out - there's a calendar, video and audio playlists, and more!

Also, join the Portland Set Dancing Facebook group to keep up-to-date on set dancing in the Portland area or visit our newly dedicated webspace: www.cceoregon.org/portlandsetdancing.

Set Dancing Classes w/Linda Burch

Sellwood Community House
1436 SE Spokane Street
Portland OR 97202
Mondays 12:30 - 2:00 PM
For more information contact Linda.

Set Dancing Classes w/Maldon & Phil Meehan

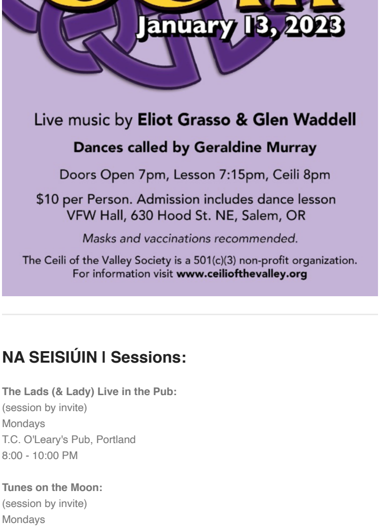
Waverly United Church of Christ
3300 SE Woodward Street
Portland OR 97202
Saturdays 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Click here or more information.

Céilí of the Valley I 2nd Friday Céilí

Friday, January 13th 2023
VFW Hall
630 Hood St. NE
Salem, Oregon

Doors: 7:00 PM.
Live music: 8-11:00 PM.
Musicians: Elliot Grasso & Glen Waddell
Caller: Geraldine Murray
Click here for more info!

All ages welcome!



NA SEISIÚIN I Sessions:

The Lads (& Lady) Live in the Pub:
(session by invite)
Mondays
T.C. O'Leary's Pub, Portland
8:00 - 10:00 PM

Tunes on the Moon:
(session by invite)
Mondays
The Moon and Sixpence, Portland
8:00 - 10:00 PM

Seisiún na mBan I Women's Session:
(session by invite)
Tuesdays
T.C. O'Leary's Pub, Portland
8:00 - 10:00 PM

Taking-Time Slow Session w/John Whelan:
(online session)
Wednesdays
Zoom!
4:00 PM
http://johnwhelanmusic.com/slow-session/

Players and listeners of all levels are very welcome to enjoy playing or hearing favorite tunes at a moderate tempo. This is an opportunity for learning new tunes, as everybody but the session leader (John) will be muted while they play.

Weekly Session w/rotation of musicians
(session by invite)
Thursdays
Kells Pub
112 SW 2nd Ave, Portland
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Intermediate Session w/Sandi O'Regan:
(open session)
Thursdays
The Dullahan Irish Pub
352 SW B Ave, Lake Oswego
7:00 - 9:00 PM

Olympia Monthly Irish Singing Session:
(online session)
Saturday, January 21st 2023
Zoom!
7:00 - 9:00 PM
For RSVP and link contact Seán Williams

TrailJams Tune Explorer Session w/Karen Dale: <<<NEW!!!
(beginner session)
Saturdays
Waverly United Church of Christ
3300 SE Woodward Street, Portland
2 - 4:00 PM
Donation: $5-10

MÓD Youth Session w/Niamh Branigan:
Sunday, January 8th 2023
Hostel Café
1810 NW Glisan Ave, Portland
4:30 - 5:30 PM

TrailJams Session w/Jonathan Lay:
(open session)
Sundays
Hostel Café
1810 NW Glisan Ave, Portland
1:30 - 4:30 PM

Irish Piping Tunes w/ Preston Wilde and Conor O'Bryan:
(session by invite)
Sundays
T.C. O'Leary's Pub, Portland
2:00 - 5:00 PM

Intermediate Session w//Tim Smith
(open session)
Sundays
Brickhouse
109 W 15th St
Vancouver WA 98660
6:30 - 8:30 pmish

ROMHAINN I Looking Ahead:

From Shore to Shore: Seán Gavin & Johnny B. Connolly in Concert
Artichoke Community Music
2700 SE Powell Boulevard
Portland OR 97202
Sunday, February 5th 2023
Doors: 6:30 PM
Show: 7:00 PM
Tickets: $25
Click here for more info!

Céilí of the Valley I 2nd Friday Céilí
Friday, February 10th 2023
VFW Marion Post 661
630 Hood St. NE
Salem, Oregon
Doors: 7:00 PM.
Live music: 8-11:00 PM.
Musicians: TBA
Caller: TBA
Click here for more info!
All ages welcome!

Céilí Vailintín I Sweetheart Céilí
Friday, February 17th 2023
Waverly United Church of Christ
3300 Woodward Street
Portland OR 97202
Time: TBD
Musician: !!!>>> John Whelan <<<<!!!
Caller: TBD

Celtic Community Night
Artichoke Community Music
Wednesday, March 8th 2023
2700 SE Powell Boulevard
Portland OR 97202
Performer: TBD
Doors: 6:45 PM
Performance: 7:00 PM
Community music: 8:00 - 9:00 PM
Admission: $10 per person

If you have any suggestions for local or regional acts that might fit well into CCN programming, contact Richie Rosencrans.

Saturday Rambling House
Saturday April 29th 2023
Waverly United Church of Christ
3300 SE Woodward Street
Portland OR 97202
4-10:00 PM

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