

Comhaltas Ceóltoirí Éireann
Tom Finucane Branch
Rochester, New York



Newsletter

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An organization
dedicated to the
advancement of
traditional Irish music,
language, dance and
culture

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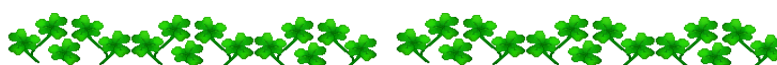


It's here! *March is Irish American* *Heritage Month*

Since 1991, presidents of the United States have proclaimed March as Irish American Heritage Month to recognize the contribution that Irish immigrants and their descendants have played in the formation of our nation.
(irishamericanheritagemonth.com)



(<http://bestfamilytraditions.com>)



Branch website: www.irishrochester.com
Facebook: rochester irish musicians association

Siamsa brings Irish culture to local communities.

A Siamsa

(An Irish Evening of Entertainment)

The Monroe county Irish organizations would like you to enjoy an hour and a half of a variety of authentic Irish entertainment. Known in Ireland as a Siamsa (Shee-am-sah), it includes traditional cultural music, dancing, and historical stories. Please join us in commemorating March as Irish American Heritage Month while enjoying some traditional soda bread.

March 8, Ogden Library, 7-8:30 pm (Wednesday)

Features Mike McCarthy

March 9, Penfield Library, 7-8:30 pm (Thursday)

Presentation by Gayle Shalvoy

March 29, Fairport Library, 7-8:30 pm (Wednesday)

Deirdre McKiernan-Hetzler will give a talk.

General program for each event:

7:00-7:15 pm Soda Bread Making Demonstration – LAOH (Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians)- Gayle Shalvoy, President.

Freshly made soda bread will be available to try.

7:15-7:45 Traditional Irish Music Session- Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann (Irish Musicians Association)- John Ryan, Vice President. Several members of the music organization will play some traditional Irish music.

7:45-8:15 Historical Presentation or Story- IACI (Irish American Cultural Institute)- Significant events in Irish and American history will be presented and discussed to enable a better understanding of Irish influence in the world.

8:15-8:30 Irish Step Dance Demonstration- Jamieson Irish Dance & Creative Arts – Katie Jamieson, TCRG and international competitor and performer.

8:30 Conclusion of the program and soda bread tasting.

Programs brought to you by Comhaltas, AOH, IACI, Jamieson Dance School, and LAOH. All free of charge.

For more information contact Jim Gilmore, AOH member and Celtic Festival Cultural Committee Chair, at 353-5236 or jdgilmore@frontiernet.net.



Activities for March

March 2

Press Conference at City Hall, 10 am for the Parade and Proclamation.

March 3

Cherish the Ladies: Syracuse, New York - Crouse-Hinds Theater with the Atlanta Symphoria Orchestra. www.experiencesymphoria.org/

March 4

The **Geneseo String Band**, with Jim Kimball, 38th Annual Pre-St. Patrick's Day Concert. Wadsworth Auditorium (SUNY Geneseo), 7 pm. Dancers plus John Ryan, Ted McGraw, Bill Henrie, Adie Maher, Mitzie Collins, Roxanne Ziegler, Glenn McClure, and more. Admission \$5 (kids 12 and under free) at the door.

Irish Concert by trio **Cuise Mo Chroi** and piper **Michael Roddy**. 7:00 – 8:30 PM
Leroy United Methodist Church, 10 Trigon Park, Le Roy, NY
Free concert. Dinner Tickets from \$6-\$10 at 3:30 – 7:00 at the church.
Phone: Janice at 585-356-6656 for more info

March 7

Teada concert: March 7, 7:30 pm at Kitty Hoyne's Irish Pub, 301 W. Fayette St., Syracuse, NY.

March 11 – St. Patrick's Day Parade in Rochester, NY

Comhaltas members, musicians and supporters who wish to join the parade group as part of the Honorary Grand Marshals should gather near the front of the parade, at East and Alexander. After the ceremony at County Office Building, shuttle buses will run from Main and Plymouth between 10:00 and 11:30.

Celtic Family Fair. Rochester Riverside Radisson hotel, Main Street, Rochester NY
Immediately following the parade: Live traditional Irish music, storytelling, magician, games and shopping. Not sure about a fee. Sometimes they ask for small donation.

March 15

Cuise Mo Chroi trio Irish Concert. 2:00–3:00 pm. Ashton Place. Free of charge.
190 Ashton Court, Clifton Springs, NY 14432. RSVP required [800-819-5791](tel:800-819-5791) or [315-462-3140](tel:315-462-3140)

Dunleavy Irish Dance. McArdle's Fairport, NY 7:45 pm

St. John Fisher College Irish Studies Events are free and open to the public. 6:15 PM:
Bridgette Slavin, PhD Celtic Studies, Sydney University and Assistant Professor of Humanities, Medaille College on the **History of the Book of Kells** (Goliso Midlevel).



March 17

Innisfree, at the American Hotel, Lima, NY. 7:00 – 9:00 pm. *Innisfree Celtic Music Ensemble* consists of Mark Deprez, Barbara Jablonski, Kathleen Cappon and Allen Hopkins. Get soups at the America Hotel and fresh Guinness. Free

ROCO downtown, across from Bernuzio's Music Shop: **CONVENTIONAL WISDOM** will be playing from 6 to 8 p.m. Conventional Wisdom is a trio comprised of bass player Fred Vieira, guitarist Tom Bailey, and fiddler Mark Weeg (famed Mel Bay author). Will be playing fiddle tunes as background to the art show opening.

First Presbyterian Church of Caledonia 3080 Main Street, Caledonia NY. 7:30 pm.
St. Patricks Day Concert: Irish Music and the Instruments that Make it featuring the **Striking Strings Hammered Dulcimer Ensemble of the Eastman Community Music School**, directed by Mitzie Collins and Linda Taggart; Harmonious Harps directed by Roxanne Ziegler and Casey Costello, Irish Tenor. Free Will Offering ; handicapped accessible. Preceded by a Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner One seating at 6 pm; \$9 a person.
For more information call Gail Hyde, 249-9235 or, the church, 538-4555.

Gavin Barry will be playing at Barry's Old School Irish in Webster from 7-10pm.

March 18

Tullamore Celtic Band, Charlotte Tavern, 2 River Street, corner of Lake Ave, Rochester, NY 14612. Call for Reservations: 585-663-9641. 6:00-9:00 pm, *Special St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Celebration*.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 2000 Highland Avenue [Corner of Highland and Winton Rd,] Rochester 14618 AN EVENING IN IRELAND - featuring the **Striking Strings Hammered Dulcimer Ensemble of the Eastman Community Music School**, directed by Mitzie Collins and Linda Taggart; **Harmonious Harps** directed by Roxanne Ziegler and Casey Costello Irish tenor. 7:30 pm. Free will offering to benefit Brighton Habitat for Humanity. Reception following concert. handicapped accessible. For more information contact Mitzie Collins 585-747-1219

March 23

St. John Fisher College Irish Studies Events for March and April (all events are free and open to the public). 4 PM: Sébastien G. Lazardoux, Assistant Professor of Political Science, St. John Fisher College, on the **Changing Role of the Irish Presidency** (Golisano Midlevel)



Activities for April

St. John Fisher College Irish Studies Events are free and open to the public)

Wednesday, April 5 at 6:15 PM: David Wilson, Celtic Studies Program, University of Toronto:
Traditional Irish Music (Golisano Midlevel)

Thursday, April 6: 7 PM: David Wilson, Celtic Studies Program, University of Toronto:
"Liberating Ireland by Invading Canada: The Fenian Invasion of Canada" (Golisano Upperlevel)

Friday, April 7: NOON-6 PM: Irish Studies Annual Conference – **The Irish and the American Civil War (Wilson Formal Room)**

For further details please contact Tim Madigan, Director of Irish Studies, at tmadigan@sifc.edu

April 29

Ceili. Begins at 8 pm at McGinnity's Restaurant and Party House,
534 West Ridge Road, Greece, NY

Photos from Ceili, January 14, 2017



Music club activities

March 4, 2017

Box Club, 10:00 am – 12:00, meets at home of Scott Bellinger
(scottbellinger@hotmail.com)

Flute and Whistle Club, 10:00 am – 12:00
Pittsford Recreation Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue, Pittsford, NY

April 1, 2017

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Photos from Concert, Ceili, Session – February 11, 2017



OFFICE OF MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE CHERYL DINOLFO
OFFICE OF CITY OF ROCHESTER MAYOR LOVELY A. WARREN

Proclamation

Every year, residents gather for St. Patrick's Day, the annual celebration of Irish culture in Monroe County. The parade attracts thousands of visitors to Downtown Rochester, as both Irish and non-Irish alike recognize the important contributions of the Irish community.

While the St. Patrick's Day Parade is one of the most popular events of the year, we are reminded of Irish traditions every day. Our community has benefitted greatly from the presence of Irish-Americans and their contributions to the civic, cultural, business and educational success of Monroe County and the City of Rochester.

This year's parade theme, "The Shamrock, The Trinity," reminds us of the deep and lasting religious and cultural traditions associated with St. Patrick's Day. In the 5th century, St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Christian doctrine of the Trinity to the Irish. By the 18th century, the shamrock would become the symbol of Ireland and a source of pride to the Irish people.

This month, we pause to remember Irish-American history and culture as we celebrate the civic, economic, and spiritual contributions of Irish-Americans in our community.

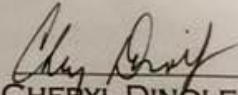
THEREFORE, We, Cheryl Dinolfo, Monroe County Executive and Lovely A. Warren, Mayor of the City of Rochester, do hereby proclaim the month of March to be:

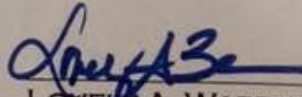
IRISH-AMERICAN MONTH

in the County of Monroe and the City of Rochester, in recognition of the important role Irish-Americans have played in our community and our country.

WE HAVE HEREUNTO set our hands this third day of March in the year two thousand and sixteen.




CHERYL DINOLFO
MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE


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MAYOR, CITY OF ROCHESTER

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*Irish American Cultural
Institute, Rochester, NY*

www.rochesteriaci.org

IACI Dinner & Movie for 2017

March 19 (4-7 p.m.)

[Dancing at Lughnasa](#) (1998)

(not first Sunday because of venue availability)

April 2 (4-7 p.m.) [The General](#) (1998)

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at Dance Biz

Longview Plaza--1742 Long Pond Road



www.rincenasaor.com
227-6614



Upcoming Summer Concert

Sean Gavin (flute, pipes), Jesse Smith (fiddle), John Blake (flute, guitar). Tentative dates: July 17 or 18 or the following weekend.

Brennan Genealogical Research

Christopher Brennan, MA, MLS
Genealogical and Historical Researcher
116 Wildwood Drive, Rochester, NY 14616
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Rochester Irish Musician's Association

**Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann
MEMBERSHIP AND DUES for 2017**Dues:

First Adult	\$25.00
Second Adult	\$ 8.00
Family	\$40.00
Junior	\$ 4.00

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Mail to: Comhaltas
6658 North Avon Road
Honeoye Falls, NY 14472

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**Irish music on the radio with Ted & John
McGraw and special guest, Sarah McGraw****Ol' Fiddler Show**

WRUR 88.5 FM
Sundays 12:00-1pm

Irish Party House

WRUR 88.5 FM
Sundays 1pm-2pm



Join Comhaltas and support Irish music and culture.

Check your membership card for expiration date.

If you have ideas or articles or announcements or photos to include in this newsletter, please send them to Bill Hallahan at whallah3@naz.edu.



Comhaltas-Sponsored Music Sessions, Dancing, Singing**1st Sundays of every month:**

4:00 pm

The American Hotel

7304 E. Main Street, Lima, NY

2nd Friday of every month:

7:30 pm CCE music session

The Greenhouse Cafe

2271 E Main St., Rochester, NY 14609

Last Sunday of every month:**Johnny's Irish Pub**

1382 Culver Road, Rochester, NY

3:00 pm Music Learning Session with Mark Ballard

3:00-5:00 pm Singer Session with Chris Brennan

5:00 pm Regular session

Set Dancing Every Wednesday:

7:30 pm

McGinnity's Bar & Restaurant

534 West Ridge Road

No experience, no partner necessary.

Instructors: Arlene Miller (585) 663-4438. James Coughlin, caller.

OTHER TRADITIONAL IRISH & CELTIC MUSIC SESSIONS**Every Monday:**

Colie's Café, Nazareth College campus

Leader: Jane Sturmer

6:00-7:00 pm waltz session

7:00-9:00 pm: jigs, reels, etc. Beginners are especially welcome

Ben's website for the Monday session:

<https://sites.google.com/site/rocnyslowsession/>**Every Tuesday:**7:00 pm (study session) **Charlotte Tavern**, 2 River Road & Lake Ave.**Every Saturday:****Barry's Old School Irish**, Webster.

2:00-5:30 pm.

Leader: John Ryan

First Wednesdays:

7:00 pm

Scottish Sessions at 7:00-9:00 PM at the Pittsford Recreation Center (Spiegel Community Center), 35 Lincoln Avenue Pittsford, NY 14534**Thursdays**Begins at 7:30 pm. Duffy's Irish Pub, [TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED]
100 West Main Street, Avon, NY (RR station at the tracks).

Leaders: Bill Henrie & Adrienne Maher

