

**Comhaltas Ceóltoirí Éireann
Tom Finucane Branch
Rochester, New York**



Newsletter

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**Márta
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2019**

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

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Arise and Go

return for a CD Release Party
April or May, 2019

Details will be sent out soon with date & time



Arise & Go is an exciting Celtic trio that finds its roots in the dance music of Ireland, Scotland and Atlantic Canada. Blending pipes, whistles, fiddle, and guitar, the group's varied musical backgrounds combine to produce a sound which is both grounded in tradition and uniquely fresh and driving.

Branch website: www.irishrochester.com

Facebook: rochester irish musicians association



March – a month of special Irish events

- Saturday, 2nd Box Club meets 10-12 at home of Jon Berkner.
- Saturday, 2nd “Cross the Pond” The Sportsmens Tavern, 326 Amherst St., Buffalo; 8 pm. John Dady with Crikwater, The Brothers Blue.
- Sunday, 3rd Bath Rotary Fundraiser; 32 E Morris Ave., Bath, NY at 2pm John Dady with John Ryan
- Thursday, 7th Siamsa 2019: 7-8:30 pm at the Ogden Library, 269 Ogden Center Rd., Spencerport, NY 14559. Soda bread demonstration, traditional music, presentation on Finn McCoul, Irish step dancing.
- Thursday, 7th John Whelan and Low Lily at Lovin’ Cup, 300 Park Point Drive, Rochester, NY 14623. Concert at 8 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm) Tickets \$20 (\$25 at door)
- Friday, 8th Irish Night at the Rochester Amerks game, 7:50 pm. Tickets for the party deck, \$25. Game Jersey Auction, before the game, music by 1916 and Gates Keystone Police Pipes & Drums plus Ben Mac An Tuile will sing “A Soldiers Song.”
- Friday, 8th Monday Session musicians play at the Arc of Monroe.
- Saturday, 9th *Tullamore Celtic Band: A Sip and a Song: Reception with Irish Music and Libations*, 7-10 pm Big Springs Historical Society and Museum 3095 Main Street, Caledonia, NY 14423. Tickets: \$20
- Saturday, 9th Geneseo String Band Pre St. Pat’s Concert. Music and dance in the Celtic Tradition. 7:00 pm, Wadsworth Auditorium, SUNY Geneseo, Geneseo, NY. General admission: \$10 (seniors and Geneseo students \$5; 12 and under, free – cash only at the door)
- Sunday, 10th Comhaltas free workshop: learn by ear with Ben Hockenberry. Room #113, 2-4 pm at Pittsford Recreation Center, 35 Lincoln Ave., Pittsford, NY.
- Sunday, 10th Town of Gates Concert: 1605 Buffalo Rd., Rochester, NY at 2pm John Dady with John Ryan
- Sunday, 10th *Roisin Dubh* plays at The Little Theatre, 7-9 pm
- Tuesday, 12th “Johnny Ryan and the Crossroads Quintet” play 7-10 pm at Abilene.
- Wednesday, 13th Parade Press Conference, 2 pm at City Hall followed by cake & coffee reception at 3 pm for Garda officers from Ireland.
- Wednesday, 13th 100 Years of Independence: The setting up of Dáil Éireann (Irish Parliament) and the American tour of Éamon de Valera in 1919. 6-8 pm, Harold Hacker Hall,



Rundel Memorial Building, Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County, 115 South Avenue, Rochester, NY. Lecture by Éamon Ó Cuiv, great grandson of Éamon de Valera.

Thursday, 14th Siamsa 2019: 7-8:30 pm at the Henrietta Library, 455 Calkins Road, Rochester, 14623. Soda bread demonstration, traditional music, presentation on Irish Women Throughout History, Irish step dancing.

Friday, 15th *Crossmolina* benefit concert 7-9 pm, First Baptist Church, Macedon. Free, donations welcome for church outreach missions.

Friday, 15th Celtic Celebration with the *Striking Strings Hammered Dulcimer Ensemble* of the Eastman Community Music School featuring Mitzie Collins, Linda Sniedze Taggart, Roxanne Ziegler, Casey Jones, 7:30 pm, First Presbyterian Church, 3080 Main St., Caledonia, NY. Admission is free. Irish Dinner at 6:00 pm, \$10.

Friday, 15th Danny Wegman's Burger Bar: 3195 Monroe Ave., Rochester, NY at 7:30pm John Dady with John Ryan

Saturday, 16th St. Patrick's Parade, Rochester, NY 12:30 pm

Saturday, 16th Annual Celtic Family Fair, 11 am-4 pm at Rochester Riverside Raddison Hotel, second level. Small charitable donation to get in. Family friendly event with entertainment, activities and items for purchase. <https://rochesterparade.com/Info/Celtic-Family-Faire>

Saturday, 16th "Gavin Barry's Rebel Banjo Circus" plays 3-5:30 pm at Johnny's Irish Pub.

Saturday, 16th *Innisfree Celtic Ensemble* plays 5-6 pm at Duffy's Pub, 100 West Main St., Avon

Sunday, 17th St. Patrick's Day concert with the *Striking Strings Hammered Dulcimer Ensemble* of the Eastman Community Music School featuring Mitzie Collins, Linda Sniedze Taggart, Roxanne Ziegler, Casey Jones, 3:00 pm at the Sisters of St. Joseph Mother House, 150 French Road, Rochester, NY 14618. Donations requested; to benefit Annunciation House, El Paso, Texas.

Sunday, 17th *Nykel & Harp* (Alyssa Rodriguez duo) plays 1:30-2:30 at On The Rocks: OTR Woodfire Tavern, 1551 Mt. Hope Ave., Rochester, NY 14620

Sunday, 17th *Innisfree Celtic Ensemble* plays 5-7 pm at the American Hotel, 7304 East Main St., Lima, NY

Sunday, 17th *Crossmolina* plays 4-7 pm at TR Noonan's Pub, Fairport.

Wednesday, 20th Siamsa 2019: 7-8:30 pm at the Webster Library, 980 Ridge Road., Webster, NY 14580. Soda bread demonstration, traditional music, presentation TBD, Irish step dancing.



Thursday, 21st *Crossmolina* plays 7-9 pm at the Little Theatre Café.

Thursday, 21st Combined Irish Traditional Music Session, 7-9 pm at the Wintergarden Hall at Brickstone on Elmwood Avenue.

Thursday, 28th Siamsa 2019: 7-8:30 pm at the Penfield Library, 1985 Baird Road, Penfield, NY 14526. Soda bread demonstration, traditional music, presentation on Irish Women Throughout History, Irish step dancing.

Saturday, 30th Tullamore Celtic Band: St. Patrick's Day Concert, 7-9 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 2576 Browncroft Blvd., Rochester, NY 14625 Free and open to the public - donations appreciated

Saturday, 30th *Nykel & Harp* (Alyssa Rodriguez and Rayce Malone) plays 8-10 pm at the Little Theatre Café.

Saturday, 30th Jim Malcolm concert, 7:30-10:30 pm, Rochester Christian Reformed Church, 2750 Atlantic Ave., Penfield, NY 14526. Jim Malcolm, former lead singer of Old Blind Dogs, is the ultimate Scots troubadour. Golden Link & Comhaltas members, \$15 (\$17 at door). General admission: \$20 (\$22 at door). Doors open at 6:45 pm.

April Events

Saturday, 6th Box Club meets 10-12 at home of Jon Berkner

Sunday, 14th Comhaltas free workshop: learn by ear with Ben Hockenberry. Room #113, 2-4 pm at Pittsford Recreation Center, 35 Lincoln Ave., Pittsford, NY.

Saturday, 27th 2019 Republic Day Event, 5:30-9 pm, McGinnity's. Tickets \$25; speaker panel: The Impact of Brexit on Irish Unification. Dinner, cash bar, 50/50 raffle, dancing, music performances. Contact Gavin Barry, barry.gavin@gmail.com



The Sperrin Mountains, counties Tyrone and Derry-Londonderry





Old Style Irish Stepdancing



Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Sean Nós!

Sean Nós ("shah-noze") is "old style" Irish stepdancing, with low to the ground footwork and a relaxed upper body. A more traditional style than modern Irish stepdance, Sean Nós is easy to pick up and great fun! Rince Na Saor offers beginner Sean Nós classes in short term sessions of 4 classes each. No experience in Irish dance is necessary.

Spring Session: March 1, 8, 15, 22

Time: 8:30-9:15 p.m.

Where: Rince Na Saor Irish Dancing, located at Dance Biz in Longview Plaza, 1742 Long Pond Road, just off Route 390 near Unity Hospital.

Cost: \$35 for the session

Register: Register online or by mail at www.rns.dance.

Share in Irish American Culture

[Irish American Heritage Month](#)

Sharing historical and present-day stories of the wonderful cultural contributions Irish Americans have made is what this page enables us all to do.

<https://www.facebook.com/IrishAmericanHeritageMonth/?eid=ARAnbQGoiFU2xP5jKFGLeXz4tnhAXYLiXbfVj7zWZRZsoavIA7mUXjuoWfmagWGYCGzKleRm2zrIUkyv>



Spring Ceili

May 4.

8 pm, \$5 for Comhaltas members, \$7 for nonmembers, children with parent are free
Bring an item for the Raffle and receive free admission
McGinnity's Restaurant and Party House, 534 W Ridge Rd, Rochester, NY 14615

Music club activities

March 2, 2019

Box Club, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon Meets at home of Jon Berkner
407 Edgewood Ave in Brighton, 585 953 5670. jonasan@rochester.rr.com

March 10, 2019

Learn a tune by ear Workshop, 2:00-4:00 pm. Room #113, 2-4 pm at Pittsford
Recreation Center, 35 Lincoln Ave., Pittsford, NY.

April 6, 2019

Box Club, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon Meets at home of Jon Berkner
407 Edgewood Ave in Brighton, 585 953 5670. jonasan@rochester.rr.com

April 14, 2019

Learn a tune by ear Workshop, 2:00-4:00 pm. Room #113, 2-4 pm at Pittsford
Recreation Center, 35 Lincoln Ave., Pittsford, NY.

Irish American Cultural Institute (IACI)

John O'Sullivan Memorial Film Feis continues with 2018-2019 schedule:

March 3, 2019: War of the Buttons 94 min. 1995
When rival gangs of Irish kids win a battle, they remove the buttons and laces of the losers.
Trouble is sure to follow!

April 7, 2019: Sing Street 116 min. 2016
End the season with music and comedy! A Dublin boy starts a band to impress a mysterious
girl.

Location: St. John's Meadows, 1 Johnsarbor Dr. W., Rochester, NY 14620

4-7 pm. Dinner buffet included. \$25 general admission, \$20 for IACI members
For information: contact Katherine McMahon-Flynn: kmcfly@gmail.com



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Fiddle lessons: Taught by veteran teacher and performer **Kit Fallon**, various traditional fiddle styles, from Bluegrass to Quebecois. No music background is required. Quality rental instruments available. Pre-registration is required; E-mail ckfallon@hotmail.com (put "Beginning Fiddle" in the subject line).

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MEMBERSHIP AND DUES for 2019

Dues:

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

Make check payable to: "CCE Rochester"

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

Your donations are tax-deductible.**Irish Rochester CDs are still available.**

This classic, 2-CD set, produced by John McGraw contains many of the traditional tunes you will hear at sessions as well as local musicians from the Rochester area. **Only \$20.**

To purchase a CD, contact Lynn Pilaroscia:
pilarins@frontiernet.net

Irish music on the internet:

<http://www.clare.fm/listen-live/>

JOIN COMHALTAS AND SUPPORT IRISH MUSIC, AND CULTURE.
NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR: NOVEMBER 1 (2018) TO OCTOBER 31 (2019). YOU CAN STILL JOIN OR RENEW ANY TIME.

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 Sunday of every month:**

4:00 pm **The American Hotel** 7304 E. Main Street, Lima, NY

Last Sunday of every month:

**the bar is open but not the kitchen;
bring a snack to share**

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:

McGinnity's Bar & Restaurant

7:30 pm 534 West Ridge Road

No experience, no partner necessary.

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

Every Monday:

Colie's Café, Nazareth College campus

7:00-8:00 pm waltz session

8:00-9:00 pm: jigs, reels, etc. Beginners are especially welcome and the use of sheet music is acceptable, copies & pdfs are available.

Ben's website for the Monday session:

<https://sites.google.com/site/rocnyslowsession/>

The Second Friday Session - suspended for an indefinite period of time.

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

7:00 pm (study session) **Charlotte Tavern**, 2 River Road & Lake Ave.

Every Saturday:

Barry's Old School Irish, 2 W Main St. Webster.

2:00-5:30 pm. Leader: John Ryan

First Wednesdays:

7:00 pm **Scottish Sessions** at 7:00-9:00 pm

Check Facebook for current location:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/rochscotstrad> .

