

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



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

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

Watch your email and online announcements for concerts, ceili's and workshop details.

OLD BLIND DOGS

return to Lovin' Cup
for a special two-night engagement!



Tues Sept 24 & Wed Sept 25, 8pm

Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door

Available at Lovin' Cup and online at lovincup.com

For more than two decades, the Old Blind Dogs have been one of Scotland's most highly touted traditional folk groups. The band features Jonny Hardie (fiddle, guitar, vocals), Aaron Jones (bouzouki, guitar, vocals), Ali Hutton (pipes, whistles, vocals) and Donald Hay (drums, percussion). Their performances include everything from poignant love songs to foot-stomping high-energy instrumentals, incorporating original songs and tunes and varied world influences, while always remaining true to the tradition.

The Old Blind Dogs have long been a Rochester favorite. They first performed here in 1994, and founding member Jonny Hardie says they lost count after about 17 Rochester shows. Last year's concert at Lovin' Cup was pretty crowded, so we've booked them for TWO nights this time! Come once, come twice! With 13 recordings to their credit, they have enough material to mix it up so it won't be the same both nights.

Tickets for Tuesday the 24th can be purchased here:

<https://www.ticketweb.com/event/old-blind-dogs-lovin-cup-tickets/9807425?pl=lovincup>

and for Wednesday the 25th here:

<https://www.ticketweb.com/event/old-blind-dogs-lovin-cup-tickets/9807435?pl=lovincup>



Comhaltas performs at Fiddlers' Faire
August 17, 2019



...and, over at the main performance tent



Photos from Fiddlers Fair, Sunday, August 18 at the Fiddlers' Fair
by Jim Kimball



Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 26 Comhaltas Ceóltoiri Éireann Northeast Regional Annual General Meeting, at the brand new, Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley, Utica, New York

Sunday, October 27 Comhaltas Ceóltoiri Éireann Branch Annual General Meeting – 4:00 pm at Johnny’s – **Officer elections**; all paid members can vote.

Please send nominations for officers (see page 9 for incumbents) to rochesterce@gmail.com

Fall ceili – watch email for date & time.

Saturday, November 2 Annual Comhaltas Workshops at St. John Fisher College – see page 6.

Music club activities

September 7, 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

September 15, 2019

Irish Tunes by Ear workshop
Location: Pittsford Recreation Center, 35 Lincoln Ave, Pittsford, NY, Room #113.
Time: 12:00-2:00 PM

October 5, 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

October 13, 2019

Learn a tune by ear Workshop, 12:00-2:00 pm. Room #113, 2-4 pm at Pittsford Recreation Center, 35 Lincoln Ave., Pittsford, NY.
November 10th and December 8th. All are from 2-4pm.

Reminder: think Halloween and while you’re trying to decide on a costume and celebrate the Celtic New Year, remember to **renew your membership in Comhaltas.**



Irish Cultural Day, November 2, 2019



Want to learn an instrument? Step dance? Sing?

Join us for an afternoon of free workshops in Irish music, dance, and culture, led by members of the Rochester Irish community. This event, which had been run for 14 years at Nazareth College, has moved a mile up the street to St. John Fisher College! The Tom Finucane Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann are excited to have the event back for its fourth year at Fisher in 2019.

[Coming? RSVP on Facebook, and share!](#)

Location

Kearney Hall
(The building with a spire, visible from East Ave)
St. John Fisher College
3690 East Ave
Rochester, NY 14618

We'll get together on the 1st Floor in Cleary Auditorium, and disperse to classrooms at 12:30.

Parking is free! Visitors can park in the A lot, which is very close to Kearney Hall, straight ahead from the East Avenue entrance.

If parking lot A is full, lots C, D, E, and F are also free for visitors on that day.

The preliminary schedule has been posted for the November 2nd Free Irish Music Workshop Day at St. John Fisher College: <http://irishrochester.weebly.com/irish-cultural-day-at-fisher.html>



The John O'Sullivan Memorial Film Series

At St. John's Meadows

October - April 2019-2020

4:00 - 7: 00 p.m.

St. John's Meadows has easy handicap access, parking in front of building, full buffet, drinks, and signage will direct attendees to the door.

Join members of the Rochester Chapter of the Irish American Cultural Institute for a feis that celebrates some of Ireland's best films.

Buffet will be supplied by the Briarwood Catering and will change monthly. Cash bar available. We will eat first and follow with the film and discussion.

October 6th: **Brand Irish** Documentary 102 min. 2015

There is more to the Irish than meets the eye! With a diaspora of 75 million, the Irish brand is huge. Here is a look at the role the Irish have played in world culture.

November 3rd: **P.S. I Love You** Drama, Romance 126 min. 2007

A young widow discovers that her late husband has left her 10 messages to help her start a new life.

January 5th: **Song of the Sea** Animation 93 min. 2014

An Irish boy and his sister(a Selkie) go on an adventure to free the Faries and save the spirit world.

February 9th: **Leap Year** Comedy 100 min. 2010

A woman travels to Dublin to propose to her boyfriend on Leap Day. Will it work?

March 1st: **Hunger** Drama 96 min. 2008

Hunger follows life in the Maze Prison with an interpretation of the events surrounding the 1981 IRA hunger strike.

April 5th: **Circle of Friends** Drama, Romance 103 min. 1995

Based on the Maeve Binchey novel. A coming of age story of 3 girls from an Irish village, attending college in post WWII Dublin.

Contact: Katherine McMahon- Flynn kmcfly@gmail.com



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katekballard@gmail.com

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 2020

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 (2019) TO OCTOBER 31 (2020). 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> .

2nd Sunday of each month Geneva Irish Session -, 1 - 4 pm at **Bottomless Brewing**, 3543 E. Lake Road, Geneva. The next Geneva Irish Session is Sunday, Oct. 13 from 1:00 - 4:00 (Beginners - 1:00 - 2:00, Open Session 2:00 - 4:00), and the following one will be Sunday, November 10.

Leader: Kit Fallon

