

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES INFORMATION 2024-2025

The membership year for Comhaltas is November 1 to October 31 of the following year.

This is different from the calendar year because Samhain is the end of the Celtic year and beginning of the new year. So now, when you start thinking about preparing for Halloween in early October, you will be reminded that it is time to renew your membership in Comhaltas for the new year.

You may renew your membership or join any time of the year and you will receive a membership card for the membership year. In addition, you will be put on the email distribution list for our **Branch Newsletter** and will receive last-minute announcements for local Irish events that might interest you. Your subscription to **Treoir** will begin/renew November 1. For current branch information and the most recent newsletter, visit: www.irishrochester.weebly.com

With your membership, you will receive -

1. every two months, the newsletter of the Tom Finucane Comhaltas Branch featuring interesting articles and announcements of local events and regular sessions, sent out by email;
2. the magazine, Treoir, published several times a year in Ireland, and featuring events and articles about traditional Irish music and culture all over the world;
3. discounted admission to branch-sponsored concerts, ceili dances and other special events; and
4. discounted enrollment fees for Irish traditional music classes at The Hochstein School (see next page).

In addition, your membership in Comhaltas supports our local volunteer efforts to provide opportunities for you to play and listen to Irish music, and to celebrate Irish culture and traditions here in western New York.

Dues:

First Adult	\$30.00
Second Adult	\$15.00
Family	\$50.00
Junior (under 18, 1/1/25)	\$10.00
Gift	

Enter Amount Enclosed:

Your gift is greatly appreciated and supports branch-sponsored concerts and workshops and special events.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____ (please print clearly)

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9 Austin Park
Pittsford, NY 14534

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LEARN TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC — AT HOCHSTEIN —

Through a generous subsidy from the **Joe Dady Memorial Scholarship**, CCÉ members can take these new classes at a considerable discount. Here's how it works:

Most folks will start off with our 9-week introductory course, **Trad 101**, which uses tin whistle instruction and light historical lecture to ground the student in the basic concepts and contexts that make Irish traditional music what it is.

From here, we offer 200- and 300-level lessons in:

**FIDDLE – FLUTE – BODHRÁN – TENOR BANJO/MANDO – BUTTON BOX –
CONCERTINA – and CONTINUING WHISTLE**

This curriculum offers a natural counterpoint to the area's various tune-learning sessions: where they focus on building repertoire, our courses are here to develop traditional technique.

Under the subsidy, adults pay \$135/ 9-week quarter (>**20% off** the usual Hochstein rate) and U18 students pay \$99 (>**40% off**).

Dates for the 2024-2025 year: **Quarter 1: Sept. 4 - Nov. 5 // Quarter 2: Nov. 6 - Jan. 28**
Quarter 3: Jan. 29 - April 8 // Quarter 4: April 9 - June 17
(Specific dates subject to feedback from prospective enrollees)

Please contact John.Ryan@Hochstein.org with any questions.