

Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann

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SET DANCING: IRONDEQUOIT REC, MONDAY SEPT 18

We're sad to see McGinnity's go, but so grateful for all the years of support from Bridie and family! Weekly dancing started at a new time and location this month.



Mondays starting Sept. 18

6:30-8:00 PM

Irondequoit Recreation

450 Skyview Centre Parkway Suite 200

Rochester, NY 14622 (the Old Irondequoit mall)

The Genesee Room

ELECTIONS & GENERAL MEETING 10/29/2023

Elections are coming at the October 29 Johnny's Session and Chapter General Meeting!

Positions include:

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Auditor
- Public Relations Officer
- Youth Officer
- Youth Protection Officer
- Irish Language Officer



If you're interested in helping promote Irish music in the Rochester area, please email us: rochesterccce@gmail.com

SESSION UPDATES: COLIE'S AND BARRY'S

MOVED: MONDAY SLOW SESSION

The Monday Night Slow Session at Colie's Café on Nazareth College's campus has moved to Pittsford Recreation Center, 35 Lincoln Ave, Pittsford, NY 14534. It will start at 6:30 rather than 7 pm. There will be one on October 2, then no session 10/9 or 10/16 due to the venue, but then the session will run every week from 10/23-12/18. Check in with Jane, Kip, Emily, or Jim to make sure you get email updates!

FAREWELL (FOR NOW): BARRY'S SATURDAY SESSION

Barry's Old School Irish closed September 9, 2023. They're not closing for *good*, but planning a bigger and better venture to come. Stay tuned for developments on the session front!



A list of currently active sessions is on our website at <http://irishrochester.weebly.com/sessions.html>.

SAVE THE DATE: WORKSHOP DAY

11/5/23

In partnership with East Rochester School District's Róisín Dubh ensemble, Comhaltas is excited to bring the annual workshop day back on Sunday November 5.

Details and scheduling are still being worked out – stay tuned! :)



2024 CCE NORTH AMERICA CONVENTION IN BUFFALO

The North American Provincial Convention of Comhaltas April 4-6 2024 in Buffalo. Our branch is a part of it next year, and we're taking a lead for on-site registration and check-ins. We would LOVE branch volunteers to help us with a short shift helping with registration! Reach out to us at rochesterccce@gmail.com.

Check out the workshop teachers and ceili happenings!

<https://www.cceconvention.com/>

RECENT HAPPENINGS

Rochester's own Rick Muir's composition "Seamus Shines" was featured in a recent issue of Comhaltas' magazine *Treoir*. Check it out on page 65:

<https://treoir.comhaltas.ie/read/2023/1/>

Séamus Shines
(reel)

Dedicated to the memory of
Séamus Mac Mathúna,
Captain of the Comhaltas crew.

Composed by
Richard Muir
27 Nov. 2022

A D D G G D D Em A7

5 D D G G D D A7 D A7 D

B A7 A7 D D G D E7 A7

14 D G D D G D A7 D A7 D A7 D Fine

John Whelan's concert and ceili in July was a fantastic time!



The August Fiddlers' Fair and Making & Making Music Weekend at Genesee Country Village & Museum was a true pleasure – couldn't have asked for better weather or more engaged audiences! Lockport artist and musician Dennis Reed Jr. captured our own Mark Ballard's likeness in this bamboo pen drawing during our performance on the

village green:

