



President's Notes

It is good to be home...wherever it may be. The Old Blind Dogs completed our second leg of this season's tour of the Celtic nations. It was a perfect send off for me to visit a home place in the Highlands for a few days of walking in the hills. There were many things that resonated with me during my days and nights under Scottish skies, but the most enduring memory was the warmth and the generous hospitality of the people. I was, as the Scots say, wonderfully well-looked after. I would have to say the same is true for the hospitality that Celtic Music Association provides not only for the bands, but also for all of you. It is a part of who we are, and I believe it shows through in the concert experience.

The holidays are sneaking up on us. We still have a season ticket deal for you and those Celtic music fans on your gift list. The 3 remaining concerts for this season can be bought as a package at a reduced price. Details are elsewhere in this newsletter. Can't make it to one of the concerts? Don't worry, just give the ticket to someone else.

Please make plans to be with us for the heart of our season in January with Le Vent du Nord; with High Time in February and with Calan in March. Come for the music, stay for the hospitality. You will be well-looked after...I promise.

I was encouraged to include a couple photos of my adventure. Enjoy them!
Slainte, Brian Smith, President



Taking a break at a stone circle on the Rob Roy Way

Quebec's Le Vent Du Nord Performs January 11, 2020 at Holy Trinity



Featuring button accordion, guitar and fiddle, the band's sound is defined by the hurdy-gurdy, which adds an earthy, rough-hewn flavor to even the most buoyant dance tunes."
— Boston Herald.

The award winning and highly acclaimed band Le Vent Du Nord is a leading force in Quebec's progressive francophone folk movement. The group's vast repertoire draws from both traditional sources and original compositions, while enhancing it's hard-driving soulful music (rooted in the Celtic diaspora) with a broad range of global influences. Since its inception in August 2002, Le Vent du Nord as enjoyed meteoric success, receiving several prestigious awards including a Juno (Canadian Grammy). The band is now one of the most-loved Quebec folk groups touring the world

The group's current line-up consists of singers / multi-instrumentalists Nicolas Boulerice, Simon Beaudry, Olivier Demers, and Andre & Réjean Brunet. The band's repertoire includes both traditional and original material. On stage these four friends deliver masterful live performances that will move any crowd.

General Admission: \$25 advance; \$30 day of show. Tickets on sale now at our outlets and online through eventbrite at www.thecma.org.

LE VENT DU NORD

Friends of the CMA

Please consider helping us bring quality Celtic music to the Des Moines area by becoming a friend of the Celtic Music Association. A \$25 membership fee will provide support to the organization. Memberships will include a special beverage cup (bring it back to the concerts). CMA memberships can be mailed to: The Celtic Music Association, P.O. Box 30001, Des Moines, IA 50310 or online at www.thecma.org, through Eventbrite.



Beaverdale Fall Festival Parade Highlights



Mike O'Malley's Model T.



Scottish pipers.



Mike Glynn and Paul Bush lead the CMA group.

President's Notes ... Scotland Photos



A pastoral scene on the Rob Roy Way



On the trail by Ben Lawer



2 Morning mist above Loch Tay



Local pipers joined CMA board members and Foy dancers at Downtown Des Moines Market on September 28.

Great Holiday Gifts!

Three Concert Package for \$70



2020 CONCERTS

LE VENT DU NORD - January 11, 2020 - Holy Trinity Hall
High Time - February 15, 2020 - Holy Trinity Hall
CALAN - March 14, 2020 - Franklin Junior High

All concerts start at 8:00 p.m. doors open at 7:00 p.m.
 Holy Trinity Hall: 2926 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, IA
 Franklin Junior High: 4801 Franklin Ave., Des Moines, IA
www.facebook.com/celticmusicassociation, www.thecma.org



Show your Celtic music pride!
 Wear a CMA hat or backpack, \$15 each. A variety of shirts available.
 Call 515-279-0310.



Need a gift idea your family will love? Purchase all the three remaining concert tickets for only \$70. These regular season tickets sell individually at \$25 in advance, or \$30 at the door. Season ticket packets can be purchased from CMA board members, CMA PO box, at Eventbrite on the CMA website, www.thecma.org and at Holy Trinity Church office. This offer will end January 11.



October Concert - Old Blind Dogs



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Holy Trinity Parish Office, (515) 255-3162, 2926 Beaver Ave.,
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