



President's Notes

There is a saying that what goes around, comes around. I am returning as president for our 26th season, which presented us with an amazing opportunity to break new ground with some wonderful artists, vetted by the seasoned ears of our illustrious Concert Committee. The word on the street among the artists is that we treat them so very well, and each of you is to thank for that reputation.

The Celtic Music Association will kick off this season with an appearance in the Beaverdale Fall Fest Parade, celebrating Beaverdale's Centennial, on Saturday, September 16 with the Foy Dancers and the Iowa Scottish Pipes and Drums. Next, we will be at the Downtown Des Moines Farmer's Market on Saturday, September 23. THEN we will have our first concert of the season, presenting Skipper's Alley on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 8 p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Come for the popcorn and stay for the great craic!

We are not letting up for incredible music in 2018. Glance over at the next column for more information.

This is also that time of year when we round up advertising for our concert program. In return for the purchase of an advertisement, we do provide tickets for our concert season. For more information about ads and rates, please contact Jerry Grady at spudsogrady@gmail.com.

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President's Notes continued

Season tickets are also available now at \$88.00 for the 2017-2018 season. More information on this amazing offer is just to the right of this column. Think of it, one ticket to a similar concert in another Central Iowa venue could cost almost the same as our four concert offerings for the 2017-2018 season package.

It pleases me to no end to be able to step forward into this delightful duty of leadership with my friends on the Board. We continue with this labor of love so that each of you may have the chance to take in more than a few sublime moments of Celtic artistic virtuosity this coming year, courtesy of the Celtic Music Association.

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Brian Smith, President

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2017-2018 CONCERT SEASON

Skipper's Alley - October 21, 2017 - Holy Trinity Hall
Tallymoore - January 13, 2018 - Holy Trinity Hall
Dàimh - February 10, 2018 - Holy Trinity Hall
Socks in the Frying Pan - March 9, 2018 - Hoyt Sherman Auditorium

All concerts start at 8:00 p.m. doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Trinity Hall: 2926 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, IA
Hoyt Sherman Auditorium: 1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines, IA
www.facebook.com/celticmusicassociation, www.thecma.org

Get your Celtic Music Association 2017-2018 Season Tickets Now!

Purchase all four concert tickets for only \$88 (\$22 apiece). Regular season ticket prices are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Season ticket packets can be purchased from CMA board members, at Holy Trinity Church office and The Celtic Traditions. This offer will only be available until October 20th. Call Virgil Kleinhesselink at 515-771-2215 or email virgil@vtech.com to find out how to get your tickets.

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Skipper's Alley to Perform Season Opener - October 21, 2017



skipper's alley

Skipper's Alley are a 7-piece ensemble whose dynamic take on traditional Irish music has garnered wide critical praise and featured on such diverse stages as The Late Late Show, La Festival Interceltique de Lorient, and the Irish Embassy in Zambia.

Described by The Irish Times as “gloriously three-dimensional”, the group spring from harp-accompanied Sean-Nós songs to feral, unkempt sets of reels, creating a sound that is both “scintillating” and “a model of tender delicacy” (David Kidman, The Living Tradition).

Skipper's Alley first came to prominence in the summer of 2013 after winning the Loic Raison Trophy at Brittany's Festival Interceltique de Lorient, an award previously won by such established acts as Danú, Clannad, and The Bothy Band. In the same six-month period, the group launched an EP, made their live television debut (The Late Late Show) and were the subject of an hour-long radio special on RTÉ's Céilí House. 2014 saw the band enjoy continued success with performances in the UK, mainland Europe and even a St. Patrick's Day tour in Zambia, all ending with the release of their critically-acclaimed debut album 'Skipper's Alley' (“★★★★” - *The Irish Times*).

Today, the ensemble are a promising young act in the Irish traditional circuit and look forward to a host of national and international appearances throughout 2015.

“There is no doubt that this group will have an impact on the future of traditional Irish music.” - Kieran Hanrahan, Stockton's Wing

**September 16, 2017 -
Beaverdale Fall
Festival Centennial
Parade 10:00 a.m.**

Beaverdale Centennial Fall Festival

Watch for the Celtic Music Association parade entry at the annual Beaverdale Fall Festival. This will be the 100th year anniversary of Beaverdale and the parade will be a big one!

The Iowa Scottish Pipes and Drums will be marching with us, along with the Foy School of Traditional Irish Dance. Come to the parade because we will be handing out season postcards. Look for us after the parade to get your season tickets, and remember you can also get them during regular office hours at Holy Trinity Parish office and A Celtic Tradition.



Kim Glynn and Kathy Dodds lead the CMA group at the 2016 Fall Festival parade.



The Iowa Scottish Pipes and Drums joined our group in 2016.

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The Celtic Music Association

The Celtic Music Association is Central Iowa's premier Celtic Music organization. Founded in 1992, the CMA has sponsored an annual concert series and Celtic music events for over a quarter century.

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Updated CMA Website Now Available Online: www.thecma.org

Many thanks to website designer Dan McCurley, who volunteered to help us with the new updated, revamped website. Be sure to check out all the new features. There will be information about the bands, links to their You Tube videos, ticket sales, friends membership, and lots more. As we add more features we will keep you posted here and on Facebook. Contact Dan if you like his work at djmccurley@gmail.com and www.djmccurley.com.



Our featured advertiser this Fall is the Iowa Scottish Pipes and Drums. They will be marching with the CMA in the Beavertdale Fall Festival parade September 16th.

Check out their website: www.iowascottish.com for information about hiring this group for your event.



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Foy Irish dancers perform with the Celtic Music Association at the downtown farmer's market in September.



Kathy Dodds staffs a table at downtown Farmer's Market.



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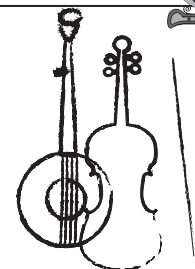
Please consider helping us bring quality Celtic music to the Des Moines area by becoming a friend of the Celtic Music Association. A \$25 membership fee will provide support to the organization; you will receive a 10% discount on available wearables and be able to buy last-minute tickets at the door for \$25 instead of \$30. Memberships can be purchased at any time. For more information about the CMA memberships, contact us:

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Celtic Music in central Iowa!

Ticket Outlets:

Celtic Music Association (515) 771-2215, P. O. Box 30001, Des Moines, IA 50310, www.thecma.org (check only)
Holy Trinity Parish Office, (515) 255-3162, 2926 Beaver Ave., Des Moines (cash or check only)
Cooney's Tavern, (515) 255-5566, 3708 Beaver Ave., Des Moines (cash or check only)
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Red Truck Tickets, (515) 657-6128, www.redtrucktickets.com
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Foy Irish dancers at downtown Farmer's Market.