



## President's Notes

You know how it is...there you are, standing in the checkout lane and the headlines from any one of a number of publications in the newsstand tries to grab you first with a number and then with a catchy come-on title to urge you to open the magazine up and read more...and then it came to my mind as I was grasping at some inspiration for these notes. For your consideration, here is my own "number and come-on title" to capture your attention...

### Six Things That Will Inspire You About the CMA Experience!

**1. The Music!** We were founded because of the music and we have never changed focus. Each CMA concert brings a sublime interpretation of the taproot of the Celtic culture. The music celebrates us; tells our story and speaks for our lives in a way that transcends words.

**2. The Audience!** Without the audience, there is no reason for the concert. Time after time, bands comment on how great you all are. From where I stand in the wings, I marvel at your love shown to these artists.

**3. The Musicians!** Well, of course, it is the musicians. Word on the street is that Des Moines is now a must-play destination. We have hosted several supergroups in the Celtic music world and we have had the great fortune to host several more who were on their ascendancy to greatness. We have been so fortunate to have them all.

**4. The Craic!** What's not to like about to visit with friends and new

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acquaintances at a table over a beverage, to have some snacks and then to settle in for a night of great music and on occasion, some dancing. We have it all at a CMA concert.

**5. The Price!** We are a cheap date, no doubt about it. Our ticket prices are a great value for the entertainment.

**6. The Board!** My friends on the CMA Board work hard and they know how to have a good time. We are so very well-aligned with our vision to be able to bring you the Celtic Music Experience that we are known for. We do this work, because we love it, all 6 parts of it.

Please read on to get more information about the three concerts that are coming up. Tallymoore, Daimh and Socks in the Frying Pan are set to come to Des Moines to inspire us and to celebrate the culture that we hold dear.

*Slainte, Brian Smith, President and Chief Cook*

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## 2017-2018 CONCERT SEASON

**Remaining Concerts:**  
**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](http://www.facebook.com/celticmusicassociation), [www.thecma.org](http://www.thecma.org)

## Holiday Special - Remaining CMA Season Tickets on Sale

Limited quantities for the remaining three concert tickets for only \$70. 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. More information check the website [www.thecma.org](http://www.thecma.org).



## Tallymoore to Perform at Holy Trinity - January 13, 2018



Established in 2012, Tallymoore is a contemporary Irish Folk band from Milwaukee, Wisconsin performing a range of Irish and Scottish folk tunes, ballads, reels and classic pub songs. The group also incorporates acoustic and vocal material from broader Celtic, traditional country, bluegrass, and Americana sources. Tallymoore aims to breathe new life into Irish folk favorites. They are best known for their strong vocals and complex

harmonic treatments of tunes, along with rich instrumentation. Their innovative arrangements of classic tunes have made them a favorite among festival goers. Their vocal harmony blend, distinctive arrangements, and strong musicianship have distinguished them on the Irish music scene.

**Updated CMA Website Now Available Online: [www.thecma.org](http://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. 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](mailto:djmccurley@gmail.com) and [www.djmccurley.com](http://www.djmccurley.com).

## Dàimh in Concert at Holy Trinity - February 10, 2018



Dàimh (pronounced dive) taking their name from the Gaelic word for kinship, Gaelic super group Dàimh, fuse together music from across the Celtic diaspora in a celebration of their common ground. From pyrotechnic jigs and reels to achingly poignant ballads, they run the full expressive gamut of folk music at its best, and are justly renowned for their thrilling live shows.

Dàimh are based in Lochaber in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland; an area as much renowned for its scenic beauty as for its rich musical and cultural heritage. A long-established favorite at folk | festivals in Scotland, Ireland and across Europe, twice nominated for Folk Band of the Year at the Scots Traditional Music Awards, Dàimh are also regulars on BBC television.

### Members

Angus MacKenzie – pipes/whistle  
Murdo Cameron – mandola, accordion  
Ellen MacDonald – vocals  
Gabe McVarish - fiddle  
Ross Martin – guitar



# DÀIMH

# Socks in the Frying Pan to Perform at Hoyt Sherman, Friday - March 9, 2018



Socks in the Frying Pan comprises of Aodán Coyne on guitar and vocals and the accomplished Hayes brothers, Shane Hayes on accordion and Fiachra Hayes on fiddle and banjo. This youthful trio blend Irish traditional melodies with their own personal flair which has gained them critical acclaim and accolades including 'New Band of the Year' by the Irish Music Association. The group have been embraced in the United States, having been booked by every major Irish festival and praised for their modern traditional style and energetic approach to music. They have a clear love for live performance which only compliments the traditional essence in their shows and makes for a truly unique form of entertainment.



Socks in the Frying Pan are a multi-award winning trio from County Clare on the West coast of Ireland, the universal hub of Irish traditional music. Their dynamic vocal harmonies, virtuosic musical ability and their onstage wit has captured and captivated audiences the world around. One of the most sought after groups in Irish music today, the worldwide 'Sock Invasion' continues!

For more information:  
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## 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; 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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