



President's Notes

A few weeks ago, we had some golden days where the trees were in full, colorful show. The autumn colors reminded me of this quote. "Families are like branches on a tree, we grow in different directions yet our roots remain as one." This anonymous quote struck me as the most accurate way to describe what I know to be true about musicians who are described as "Celtic."

The roots of the music that we love are hidden in antiquity, first taking hold around the hearths and the tables of our forbears who lived in the Celtic nations. These roots were transplanted with the diaspora that eventually covered the entire globe. For Celts, the music was a way to tell the stories of loving with passion, living to the full and dying with honor. The music was the vehicle by which important lessons of the value of faith, loyalty and fidelity were transmitted from one generation to the next. The music gave a lively pulse to what otherwise may have been a lifeless narrative of events long ago.

The Celtic Music Association in Des Moines brings artists who are fed by their Celtic roots. The branches that they now represent have been developed in directions that could not have been predicted by those who crafted tune and lyric for the benefit of kith and kin who would come together in the centuries past.



President's Notes continued

We are a big musical family, growing more diverse as the years pass. This is why we bring a range of Celtic artists to Des Moines each year for your pleasure. These Celtic roots have produced an astounding variety of artistry and style. We are so very proud to bring a sampling of what is out there among those artists who describe themselves as "Celtic." This year, we have some artists who are traditional to the place of origin; some who remind us of the natural evolution of the music as it traveled over this earth; and still others who have done as Celts have always done, assimilated aspects of an adopted culture to give birth to a distinctly new sound that has a Celtic signature.

It is understandable that each of us have preferences within this Celtic musical family, just as we each have relatives for whom we have a stronger affection. Nevertheless, our roots remain as one. The Celtic Music Association is committed to the roots of the music, while presenting to you what has become living interpretation of the art that we so very much enjoy. It is our pleasure to include you as a part of this amazing family.

Slainte, Brian Smith, President



Great Gift! Celtic Music Association 2019 Remaining Season Tickets

Purchase all the three remaining concert tickets for only \$75. Regular season ticket prices are \$25 in advance, or \$30 at the door for Holy Trinity concerts. \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door for Hoyt Sherman concerts. 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 only be available until January 10.



Connla to Perform at Holy Trinity January 12, 2019



Hailing from the cities of Armagh and Derry, Ciara McCafferty (vocals), Ciaran Carlin (Flute/Whistles) and Paul Starrett (Guitar) Emer Mallon (Harp) and Conor Mallon (Uilleann Pipes/Whistles). Labeled as the Hottest New Group out of Northern Ireland, (Chicago Irish American News) Connla have been quickly making an impact on the folk/traditional scene.

Since the release of their EP in April 2015, and album “River Waiting” in July 2016 they have received fantastic reviews at home and internationally. They have already gathered a big following in the UK, Ireland, Europe and the USA. Songlines magazine made Connla their “must see act” for the tour of the UK and stated “A band this young shouldn’t be this good”. Their sensitive and innovative arrangements of traditional and modern folk songs and tunes, have helped them create a sound which is very identifiable as Connla.



October 7th, Ceili Recap

What a Craic! Big thanks to the CMA for partnering with the Foy School of Irish Dance on this joint series of events. Sunday’s events included dance, fiddle and guitar classes and ended with a community ceili dance and meal. We had over 40 students participate in classes and close to 250 participate in evening festivities. What fun!!



The Fitzgeralds perform at the October 6th concert at Holy Trinity.

Ceili photos, Oct. 7th



Pre-ceili dance instruction before the mashed potato bar buffet dinner.



Advanced step dance class



Advanced fiddle class



Women's v-neck t-shirts available in heather pink and heather purple, \$15 M- XL, \$20 2X. Men's heather green short sleeve t-shirts for \$15 size Med. - XL, 2X \$20. Long-sleeve t-shirts in heather blue for \$20, size Med., 2X and 3X.



Great gifts! CMA hats available in black and royal blue with gold embroidery for \$15. Call 515-279-0310.

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Long sleeve hoodies in dark blue, \$25 for sizes Med., XL \$30 for 2X and 3X.

Updated CMA Website - Buy Tickets Online thru Eventbrite

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. You can now use credit cards for ticket purchases through Eventbrite on the CMA website. There will be information about the bands, links to their YouTube 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.



Email us at: cmadsmmail@gmail.com if you would like to be removed or added to our newsletter mailing. It will be posted online at www.thecma.org.

CMA, Foy Dancers and Pipers at Fall 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 or \$30 instead of \$30 or \$35. Memberships can be purchased at any time. For more information about the CMA memberships, contact us:

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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
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