



President's Notes

I am sooo excited by the talent that we have for this upcoming season. The Concerts Committee of the Celtic Music Association (CMA) works very hard throughout the year to scout Celtic artists and to work with their managers to make Des Moines a part of the artists' itinerary.

We have been working with some of these artists and management for over 20 years. They know what you like here in Des Moines and you like many different styles of music within the Celtic genre. Some of our bands from the Celtic nations do sound more like something from a bluegrass festival or a Nashville show, but that is indicative of the breadth and depth of influence that Celtic music has on the current music scene. Our mission is to bring Celtic artists of all styles here for your enjoyment.

We start off with the **High Kings** on August 2 for a show at Hoyt Sherman Auditorium. They will be flying from Ireland direct to Des Moines for our show, before heading to the Waterloo Irish Fest for 2 days and then back home to Ireland. You won't want to miss this limited engagement.

In October, **The Fitzgeralds** come to Des Moines from the Ottawa Valley in Canada for an entire weekend. They will be here on Saturday October 6 for a CMA concert experience at Holy Trinity, and then they will stick around for music & dance workshops, with a house concert with dancing following on October 7. Sunday's fun will be courtesy of the Iowa Irish Inc.

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High Kings to Perform at Hoyt Sherman Thursday, August 2nd



Multi Platinum Artists, The High Kings now signed to Sony International. Ireland's folk band comprising Brian Dunphy, Finbar Clancy, Darren Holden and George Murphy. Internationally acclaimed singers of Irish folk songs. A quartet of accomplished musical pedigrees, the band first exploded onto the Irish folk music scene in 2008. They have sold out hundreds of shows, in Ireland and the US, and appeared on numerous TV shows. The High Kings showcase their incredible versatility and skills as multi-instrumentalists, playing 13 instruments between the four of them, bringing a rousing acoustic flavour to brand new songs as well as some old favourites. The album Friends for Life captures the essence of the ensemble's energetic sound of 'folk n roll' and even the occasional sing-a-long.

Tickets are now available at Hoyt Sherman box office for \$30 (\$35 day of the show). Tickets will also be available at our usual outlets. See back page.

CMA season tickets sales kick off will begin at the High Kings concert.

President's Letter continued...

2019 starts off with **Connla**, a group from Northern Ireland. This will be the most "trad" of the concerts that we will hold this year. They will be at Holy Trinity on January 12.

Our February 8 offering will be another Hoyt Sherman show featuring **Eileen Ivers** and her band. She was one of the founding members of Cherish the Ladies and she is a staple at many of the large Celtic festivals here in the United States. This show will feature amazing musicianship.

We wrap up our season on March 9 at Holy Trinity with an Irish band, **JigJam**. Their repertoire is very broad, so much so that we may go from traditional tunes to Americana favorites within a key change or two. What a way to start the St Patrick's Day spirit.

Make plans to join me with the growing excitement over our 2018-2019 season. Read on in this newsletter for more details.

*Brian Smith, President,
Celtic Music Association*



CELTIC MUSIC
2018-19 CONCERT SEASON

The Fitzgeralds - October 6, 2018 - Holy Trinity Hall
Connla - January 12, 2019 - Holy Trinity Hall
Eileen Ivers - February 8, 2019 - Hoyt Sherman Auditorium
JigJam - March 9, 2019 - Holy Trinity Hall

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



Celtic Music Summer Festivals

Here is a listing of some of the more popular Summer Celtic music festivals near us:

Iowa Irish Fest, Waterloo, IA – August 3-4, 2018

The Dublin Irish Festival, Dublin Ohio, August 3-5, 2018

Irishfest, LaCrosse, WI – August 10-12, 2018

Irish Fair of Minnesota, St. Paul – August 10-12, 2018

Milwaukee Irishfest – August 16-19, 2018

Dubuque Irish Hooley – August 25, 2018

Kansas City Irish Fest – August 31- September 2

Mad Gael Festival, Madison, WI – March 2019



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Kim Glynn, CMA board member presents a session on Irish Music to Heartland Youth Choir, June 3, 2018.

October Céilí & Music Workshops

The Fitzgeralds



In perfect harmony of supporting and promoting the tradition of Irish dance and music in central Iowa, Iowa Irish Inc. and the Foy School of Irish Dance is very excited that the Fitzgeralds have agreed to extend their stay in Des Moines and share their talents with us!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 7th. We will host an afternoon of workshops for children and adults and wrap up their visit with an Irish House Party of sorts. Afternoon workshops will be offered in the subjects of both Ottawa Valley Step Dancing and a variety of string instruments including the banjo and fiddle. There will be sections for beginners and those who come with experience.

We will celebrate traditional Irish arts and culture with an evening of song and dance. A cèilidh (Scottish Gaelic) or céilí (Irish pronunciation) will include a meal, group dancing and fantastic music by the Fitzgeralds.

Follow us on facebook for all of the event details as announced closer to the date. <https://www.facebook.com/IowaIrishInc/>.

Kelly Schulte



What's a Céilí?

A Céilí (kay-lee) is a traditional Irish gathering for fun, fellowship, and laughs (or craic as the Irish might say).

Traditional Céilí dances were enjoyed at house parties and corner road gatherings in the rural countryside. Decades later, they are still danced in Ireland. The Bonfire, Haymakers Jig, Siege of Ennis, Fairy Reel, etc. are very easy to learn. These traditional country folk dances have a follow the leader pattern that new dancers can pickup on their first attempt.

We walk through every dance pattern slowly at first. It's suitable to all ages, so bring the entire family along. Wear cool lightweight clothing - or layers so you can peel when things warm up. Leather soled shoes that glide are preferable (sneakers tend to stick). If your hip creaks and you'd just like to watch from the sidelines, that's ok too. Just come and enjoy the craic (means fun - pronounced crack)

New CMA Merchandise Available

Hoodies and Long Sleeve T-shirts for sale at the next two concerts. Navy blue hoodies with yellow lettering in sizes M- XL for \$25, XXL and XXXL for \$30. Long sleeve t-shirts in heather blue with yellow lettering are \$20 in sizes M- XL, XXL and XXXL for \$25.





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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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Facebook and check our website
www.thecma.org to keep up to date
on Celtic Music in central Iowa!**

Updated CMA Website Now Available Online: 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 and www.djmccurley.com.

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)
Up Tempo Music, (515) 277-1045, 2714 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, www.uptempo-music.com (cash or check only)
Cindy's Boutique, (515) 274-0118, 114 5th St., Valley Junction, W. Des Moines, www.cindysboutiquevj.com (cash or check only)
Hoyt Sherman Box Office, 1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines www.hoytsherman.org (credit and debit cards) for Aug. & Feb. concert only
Ticketmaster, www.ticketmaster.com (credit and debit cards) for Aug. and Feb. concerts only

