



## President's Notes

### It will be so good to see you again!

With the cautious good news that we can gather again, the Celtic Music Association is considering what the future holds. We did host 2 virtual concerts in the past year and we now know that a live concert experience is what we do best.

### We want to see you again!

Our committees are mobilizing again to pull together a concert here in Des Moines. We have been scanning the horizon, and this is what we know to date. This is subject to change:

1. Celtic Festivals are back on for this summer! Please check the dates in the next column for your favorite destination.
2. At present, travel is still very difficult for bands who do not reside within the United States.
3. Visa fees for performers have increased.

### When will we see you again?

Given what we know at present, we are planning for one concert this coming season in March of 2022. We have been in touch with our concert venues and we have reached out to artists who may be available at that time. More information is to come when the details are firmed up.

### How will I know that I will see you again?

As always, this newsletter will be one way to find out what is in store. We will continue to update the website, [www.thecma.org](http://www.thecma.org) and we will update the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/celticmusicassociation> with the latest developments.

Be the first to find out who will kick off our our grand reopening concert next year, by checking our website and facebook page.

### We hope to see you again!

As ever,  
*Brian Smith, President*

## Summer Irish Festivals in the Midwest

Celtic music fans can begin to get their music fix again this summer as people get vaccinated and Covid infection numbers drop. Many of the festivals in the Midwest that shut down in 2020 will be back open this summer. We have included their ads in this newsletter. Here is a quick summary of dates and festivals coming up between now and Labor Day:

**Iowa Irish Fest** – Waterloo, Iowa August 6-8

**Irish Fair of Minnesota** – Harriet Island, St. Paul August 13-15

**Irish Fest LaCrosse** – LaCrosse, WI August 13-15

**Milwaukee Irish Fest** – Milwaukee, WI August 20-22

**Kansas City Irish Fest** – Kansas City September 3-5

**IOWA IRISH FEST**  
August 6-8 2021  
Save the Date

**The Fest is Back!**

Live Music	High Nelly Bike Rally	Highland Games
Family Fun & Learning Area	Workshops in Irish Dance, Instruments & Culture	Celtic Cruise
Irish Cultural Area	Whiskey Tasting	Sunday Catholic Mass
ShanRock N Run 5K	Rugby Tournament	Celtic Vendors
		Food & Drink

Downtown Waterloo  
Purchase Tickets & Learn More at [IowaIrishFest.com](http://IowaIrishFest.com)

<https://iowairishfest.com>

**16th ANNUAL Irish fest**  
AUGUST 13-15 2021  
La Crosse  
SOUTHSIDE FEST GROUNDS  
LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN

Gaelic Storm • Seamus Kennedy • Ian Gould  
Mairtin de Cogan Project • the Harp Twins • Compas  
And SO MUCH MORE!

HARP STAGE • CULTURAL TENT • WEE FOLKS AREA • HIGHLAND GAMES  
GENEALOGY TENT & MUCH MORE FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

ADVANCED TICKET PRICE ONLINE  
\$20 Three-Day Pass\*  
\$10 online for single One Day Ticket  
Children 17 and under Free

ADVANCED TICKET PRICE AT TICKET OUTLETS  
Festival Feast (La Crosse, Oshkosh, Dubuque)  
\$22 Three-Day Pass\* • \$12 Single One Day Ticket  
Children 17 and under Free  
\*Three Day passes will only be sold prior to the first online sale and at all festival locations.  
They will not be available at the gate. Sorry, no exceptions.

GATE PRICE  
\$15 Adult One Day Ticket  
Children 17 and under Free  
(Proof of age will be required)

Get more information at: [www.irishfestlacrosse.org](http://www.irishfestlacrosse.org)

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**MILWAUKEE IRISH FEST**  
40th in 2021  
AUGUST 20-22  
BACK TOGETHER AND STRONGER THAN EVER  
CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF IRISH AMERICA

AND MORE!

<https://irishfest.com/Milwaukee-Irish-Fest>

**TICKET SALE**  
AUGUST 13-15 2021  
HARRIET ISLAND, ST PAUL  
#RESUMESHENANIGANS

[www.irishfair.com](http://www.irishfair.com)

**Kansas City Irish Fest 2021**  
Crown Center - Kansas City, MO

SEP 3 AT 8 PM CDT - SEP 5 AT 11 PM CDT

<https://www.kcirishtfest.com>





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# Covid and Concerts Recap

In March 2020, we hosted the wonderful Welsh band Calan at Franklin Jr. High auditorium. Immediately after that, Iowa and the world went into shutdown and began a long battle with Covid 19.

Fast forward to summer 2021 when the Covid vaccine becomes readily available in the U.S. and businesses and entertainment venues begin to open up. At the writing of this article many countries around the world are still battling rising infections, and inadequate vaccine supplies. Britain is pausing its reopening date due to the surge of the Delta variant.

Because of the uncertainty overseas and other factors, the CMA board has decided not to have our Fall concert. However, we are planning a March 2022 concert and we are hoping you can all join us then. It is also our hope that things will be better by Fall 2022, and we can resume our regular pre-Covid concert schedule.

## 2022 marks 30 years!



## CMA Officers

- President – Brian Smith
- Vice President – Kevin and Julie Leopold
- Treasurer – Denise Dooley
- Secretary – Margaret Stoffregen
- Historian – Cathy Dodds
- Graphics – Colleen Bush

Remember to like us on Facebook to keep up-to-date on Celtic Music in central Iowa!

## Friends of the CMA

While we don't have a brick and mortar building to keep the lights on, we do have expenses to maintain our presence in the community and social media. If you have let your Friends Membership lapse or are up for renewal, please consider sending a donation today. A \$25 membership fee will provide support to the organization. Membership will include a special beverage cup (pick it up and 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 on-line at [www.thecma.org](http://www.thecma.org), through Eventbrite.



Summer festival must haves! Wear a CMA hat or backpack, \$15 each. A variety of shirts also available. Call 279-0310.



Email us at: [cmadsmmail@gmail.com](mailto:cmadsmmail@gmail.com) if you would like to be removed or added to our newsletter email list. We will remind you about upcoming concerts and events once we have them again!

