



President's Notes



Driving through the countryside last week, I detected the first signs of the coming season. Soybeans are now taking on a yellow cast within the deep green fields of Iowa. Sumac and burning bush are turning to their customary autumnal scarlet hue. I am now tempted to put on a jacket in order to enjoy my coffee on the porch in the morning.

These signs remind me that the heart of our 28th concert season is now upon us. Soon, we will play host to one of our favorites, the **Old Blind Dogs** from Scotland. They will grace the Celtic Music Association stage for a 3rd time on Saturday evening, October 5, 2019 at 8 p.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Beavertdale. It has been 11 years since they were in Des Moines last. If you enjoy traditional tunes, amazing pipes, fiddle and vocals, this is a must-see. I am very much looking forward to serving up a hearty meal to the band before they entertain us. They never fail to make me feel at home, as if they just popped by to play a few tunes in my living room.

My heartfelt thanks go to a few unsung people on our board. They have helped us to stay in touch with each of you. Colleen Bush, Kim Glynn and our web designer, Dan McCurley have done great work to provide you access to information about our events and to obtain tickets at your convenience via print

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Old Blind Dogs to Perform Season Opener October 5, 2019



*"Old Blind Dogs bring freshness and colour to acoustic music steeped in centuries of Scottish folklore and history."
(The Los Angeles Times)*

Since forming in the early 1990's, Old Blind Dogs have stood on the cutting edge of Scotland's roots revival. The band has developed its own trademark style with an energetic mix of songs and tunes. Dynamic percussion, polished vocals, soaring fiddle and stirring pipes fuel the delicately-phrased melodies and traditional songs.

The Dogs have released eleven albums and have won numerous awards including the prestigious title of Folk Band of the Year at the 2004 and 2007 Scots Trad Music Awards. Their album 'Four On The Floor' picked up the IAP 'Best Celtic CD' Award and their last CD, 'Wherever Yet May Be' was nominated for the same award.

"A Scots neo-traditional super group, with a bracingly modern musical attack." (Montreal Gazette)

"Old Blind Dogs have mastered the tricky art of innovating within a musical tradition while faithfully revealing its essence." (Acoustic Guitar)

General Admission: \$25 advance; \$30 day of show. Tickets on sale now at our outlets and online through eventbrite at www.thecma.org.

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materials and our website at www.thecma.org. Look for some fun new items, such as our 2019-2020 season schedule coasters (get yours at the Beaverdale Fall Fest parade or farmers market) and our new CMA backpacks, available at our concerts.

In addition, check www.thecma.org for information about the bands and their videos. Tickets are now available through the website. Our mailing list signup is also available at the very same place. Please spend a few minutes to take in what we have to offer and please spread the word. Great craic is in store for this coming season. I am so proud to be a part of it.

Slainte, Brian Smith, President

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. Memberships purchased by October 2 will be included in the program. CMA memberships can be mailed to: The Celtic Music Association, P.O. Box 30001, Des Moines, IA 50310 or online at www.thecma.org, through Eventbrite.

2019-2020 CONCERT SEASON

The Celtic Music Association
Est. 1992
Des Moines, Iowa

OLD BLIND DOGS - October 5, 2019 - Holy Trinity Hall
LE VENT DU NORD - January 11, 2020 - Holy Trinity Hall
High Time CALAN - February 15, 2020 - Holy Trinity Hall
- March 14, 2020 - Franklin Junior High

All concerts start at 8:00 p.m. doors open at 7:00 p.m.
Holy Trinity Hall: 2926 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, IA
Franklin Junior High: 4801 Franklin Ave., Des Moines, IA
www.facebook.com/celticmusicassociation, www.thecma.org

Get your Celtic Music Association 2019-2020 Season Tickets Now! Purchase all four concert tickets for only \$90 (\$22.50 apiece). Regular season ticket prices are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Season ticket packets can be purchased from CMA board members, online at www.thecma.org, mail a check to P.O. Box 30001, Des Moines, IA 50310 and Holy Trinity Church office. This offer will only be available until October 5, 2019.

**September 21, 2019 -
Beaverdale Fall
Festival Parade
10:00 a.m.**



Beaverdale Fall Festival

We love Beaverdale! This year CMA is a bronze sponsor of the festival! Watch for our parade entry at the annual Fall Festival. The Iowa Scottish Pipes and Drums will be marching with us. Come to the parade because we will be handing out something new and useful - coasters! Look for board members at Cooney's after the parade to get your season tickets, and remember you can also get them during regular office hours at Holy Trinity Parish office, our P.O. Box, and on our website.



Mike O'Malley "Beaverdale native" CMA chauffeur.



Come visit us at the Downtown Des Moines Farmers' Market on Saturday, September 28. We will have music and the Foy School of Irish Dance to entertain you!



Julie Leopold and Kim Glynn staff a table at the downtown Farmers' Market.

Is it a bird, is it a plane, a flying saucer? No, it's a CMA coaster, and you can get yours at the Beavertdale Fall Festival Parade where we will be handing them out on Saturday, September 21. Parade starts at 10:00 a.m.

CMA comes to Des Moines Farmers Market

CMA will have a booth at the DM Farmers market on Saturday, September 28. Come see us, hear about our new season and get some awesome coasters!



Doolin' performed on August 8, at Hoyt Sherman



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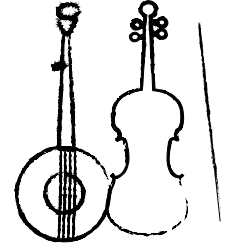
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Doolin'



Bridget and Patrick attend the Doolin' concert.

Show your Celtic music pride! Wear a CMA hat or backpack, \$15 each. A variety of shirts also available. Call 515-279-0310.



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Many thanks to website designer Dan McCurley, who volunteered to help us with the new updated website. If you prefer to receive your newsletter electronically, please let us know at cmadsmmail@gmail.com. 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.





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concerts and events.

Ticket Outlets:

Celtic Music Association, (515) 771-2215, P. O. Box 30001,
Des Moines, IA 50310, www.thecma.org (check only)

Eventbrite, on CMA website (credit)

Holy Trinity Parish Office, (515) 255-3162, 2926 Beaver Ave.,
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www.uptempo-music.com (cash or check only)

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