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Scottish News in Minnesota

FEBRUARY 2014

EVENTS

FEBRUARY 7

Macalester College Winter Open House and Pasta Dinner

You're invited to the Macalester College Winter Open House and Pasta Dinner! Free dinner (with gluten free and vegetarian options) and musical performances by the Macalester College Pipe Band and other local celtic music groups. This family night will include a chance for folks of all ages to learn more about the life of our pipe band and the Great Highland Bagpipes & Drums and to try on a kilt or have a go on a practice chanter or drum pad. Donations will be welcome. See you there!

For those going to the Twelfth Annual Scottish Island Concert (7:30, Olivet Congregational Church on this same night), note that the pasta dinner starts at 6 pm at is only 1.2 miles away! Make it a 'dinner and a concert' kind of evening! Please RSVP to Meridith.Richmond@gmail.com or on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/events/651406451558183/>) if you plan on coming so we know how much food to

make. If you know anyone else who might be interested in attending, *please feel free to pass this invitation along*. All are welcome!

Friday, February 7, 2014, 6:00pm until 8:00pm

Macalester-Plymouth United Church | 1658 Lincoln Ave | Saint Paul, MN 55105
(Next door to Macalester College)

Twelfth Annual Scottish Island Concert

This year we're playing the dozens! Dunquin and friends and author Audrey McClellan present our twelfth Scottish Island Concert at Olivet Congregational Church's Social Hall, 1850 Iglehart Avenue in Saint Paul. Warm up a cold winter's night with Scottish stories and music on Friday, February 7th, 7:30 p.m. (doors open at seven). This year's theme is "Roots and Branches: From Scotland to the New World", and features the double fiddles of Rosa Wells and Kathleen Green. We're celebrating how Scottish music got Cape Breton and American accents once it hit the shores of the New World! The \$15 admission at the door (no advance sales) includes a complimentary Scottish Tea at the interval. Come join us, and become an "islander" for the night!

For more information and directions to Olivet Congregational Church, go to www.sherryladig.com. See you there!

Sherry, Don, Kathleen, Lisa, Rosa and Audrey

(This event is made possible, in part, by a generous grant from the Scottish American Center).

Olivet Congregational Church Hall | 1850 Iglehart Avenue | St. Paul, MN

FEBRUARY 16

Scottish Ramble

Sunday, February 16, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

75 West 5th Street, St Paul

Tickets at the door only - cash or check: \$4, \$6

After 20+ years as a two day event Scottish Ramble in 2014 it will be held on only one day, Sunday, February 16. This change will mean more music than ever before on the first floor cortille stage. The day will begin with the Macalester College Pipe Band and end with the Minnesota Police Pipe Band. In between, bring a piece of tartan to be blessed at the Kirkin' of the Tartans, sit back and watch the Royal Scottish Country Dance

Society and Fligmagaerie dance to the music of Thistledown, enjoy traditional songs performed by Laura MacKenzie & Ross Sutter. Neil Gunn & the Gunn Slingers will provide ceilidh music for dancing.

Educational presentations on an array of topics, children's participatory storytelling, Scottish merchandise vendors, clan exhibits and Clann Tartan will add to the festive air of the day.

The Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games will have meat pies and other tasties for your enjoyment. A silent auction will raise funds for the fair. If you have goods or services to donate contact Andy McCracken- andrewmcc@izoom.net. Our goal is to raise \$1000+.

Remember to like Scottish Ramble on Facebook. The complete performance schedule & list of exhibitors/vendors will be posted in the latter part of January on our website www.scottishramble.org.

If you have an interest in exhibiting & have not received an exhibitor packet contact producer Liz Michaelson - liz@uncommongatherings.com

On Saturday, as our exhibitors are setting up, attend the MN Scottish Celtic Dance Association Highland dance competition & (the first ever at Scottish Ramble) solo bagpipe competition. Hours for the competitions will be posted on Facebook and the website as they are finalized. You are welcome to attend the competitions FREE. The Scottish Fair will be selling meat pies, tea, soda, etc. Merchandise vendors will not be selling goods on Saturday. This is their set up day. We ask that you not disturb them.

Come join us on Sunday, February 16th as we, once again, show that "Nothing's Cooler than Kilts In February".

Landmark Center | 75 5th St | St. Paul, MN

Kirkin' of the Tartans

St. Andrew's Society of Minnesota will be organizing the Kirkin' of the Tartans at the Scottish Ramble on Sunday, February 16 at the Landmark Center. It will be the opening event of the Ramble. Please bring a piece of your favorite tartan and participate in this old and lovely ceremony. St. Andrew's will also have a table at the Ramble so stop by, say hello, and join our organization there. We look forward to seeing you!

Landmark Center | 75 5th St | St. Paul, MN

FEBRUARY 24

Scottish Country Dancing Mini-Course

Interested in getting a taste of Scottish country dancing without a long-term commitment? Looking for an opportunity to review the basics? Then sign up for the RSCDS Twin Cities Branch's Scottish country dance mini-course! The class runs Monday nights from 7:30 to 9:30pm, February 24th through March 17th at Tapestry Folkdance Center in south Minneapolis. During the 4-week course, you will be introduced to the basic steps and formations used in Scottish country dancing and learn a number of easy and "classic" dances. For more details and registration info, see <http://www.rscds-twincities.org/minicourse.html>

Tapestry Folkdance Center | 3748 Minnehaha Ave | Minneapolis, MN 55406

APRIL 26

Scots Gaelic Song Workshop in St. Paul

[Jennifer Licko](#) is excited to be bringing a Scots Gaelic song workshop to St. Paul, MN!

April 26th, 2014 at 9:30 AM at the Celtic Junction

No previous Scots Gaelic language knowledge is needed. The study focus is on the music and the purpose of the song. Although, one should expect a few language explanations as needed for the singing. The workshop provides students with the experience of learning the musical purpose of each song. Before a dance tune is learned, the dance step is demonstrated to visually see how the tune rhythm matches with the dance step. As a work song is learned, work song motions are made while singing in order to feel the emphasis on the beat and understand the rise and fall of the song.

I began competitive Scottish Dance at the age of 9 and competed as a premier Highland Dancer until age 22. I also hold a BA in Music Education and I've been teaching Celtic cultural arts through music and dance in school settings since 2003.

I can't wait to share my love of this music with others!

Planning to attend? [Click here to reserve a space.](#)

Celtic Junction | 836 Prior Ave N | St. Paul, MN 55104

NEWS

Minnesota Youth Pipe Band

The Minnesota Youth Pipe Band seeks to foster a lifelong passion for music through the Great Highland bagpipes and Highland drums (snare, tenor, and bass).

Based in the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood of Saint Paul, we are dedicated to quality instruction in a youth-oriented environment while providing opportunities for youth to develop musically and personally. MYPB aims to compete at Highland Games in the United States, Canada, and Scotland. All youth aged 8 to 18 are welcome and can start at learning with us at any time!

The Minnesota Youth Pipe Band is part of the Minnesota Bagpipe and Drum Society, a non-profit organization.

<http://www.mnyouthpipeband.com/>

MinnesotaYouthPB@gmail.com

Mike at 651-387-6142

<http://www.mnyouthpipeband.com/contact-us.html>

Lessons in Traditional Music 2014

Laura MacKenzie offers private lessons, classes and workshops on flute, whistle, Scottish smallpipes and traditional song.

LESSONS are conducted from her home studio and from her studio at The Celtic Junction in St. Paul, MN. Beginners are welcome, and new students of all ages may begin at any time. Traditional repertoire, styles, techniques and lore - as gleaned from many years in Irish and Scottish music - are passed on with great care and expertise through Laura's instruction.

Two Locations:

Private Studio (New Music Arts) at The Celtic Junction, 836 Prior Ave North, St. Paul

Home Studio in Northfield, MN

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