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Scottish News in Minnesota



MARCH 2015

EVENTS

MARCH

Laura MacKenzie

The Magic of Celtic Music

Wednesday, March 4 at 7:00 PM

Family program of traditional "Celtic" Music, featuring many wind-powered instruments and voice. Free and open to all.

Austin Public Library | 323 4th Ave NE | Austin, MN

Northern Gael March Tour

Thursday, March 5 — Saturday, March 21

Community programs and concerts in: Perham, Wheaton, Browns Valley, Buhl, Cloquet, Aurora, Virginia, Grand Rapids, International Falls, Baudette, Babbitt, Gilbert, Duluth and Moose Lake. Free and open to all. For details on a specific date or venue, contact_laura@lauramackenzie.com or rosssutter@mac.com

Northern Gael - KidsJam

Thursday, March 12 and 13 at 10:30 AM

Kids workshop with Northern Gael. For details and registration, see: schubert.org/concerts/family-concerts

\$10

Schubert Club/Landmark Center | 75 W 5th St | St. Paul, MN

Northern Gael - Family Concert

Friday, March 13

Northern Gael - Music and Dance from Ireland and Scotland. Music in the Parks Series Family Concerts, at 6 pm and at 7:15. For details and tickets: schubert.org/concerts/family-concerts

\$8

St. Matthews Episcopal Church | 2136 Carter Ave | St. Paul, MN

Celtic Festival

Saturday, March 14

Annual Celtic Festival - Northern Gael will be performing and offering workshops. 10 am - 4 pm.

www.fargoparks.com

Hjemkomst Center | 202 1st Ave N | Moorhead, MN

IMDA Day of Dance

Sunday, March 15

Northern Gael will be performing at the annual Irish Music and Dance Association's Day of Dance, part of a two day St. Patrick's Celebration.

www.irishmusicanddanceassociation.org/stpatricksday.html

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

Willow Brae

Monday, March 16 at 6:30 PM

Willow Brae (with harpist Andrea Stern) presents a family program of traditional Scottish and Irish music - free and open to all.

Oakdale Public Library | 1010 Heron Ave N | Oakdale, MN

Music from the Lowlands of Scotland

Thursday, March 26 at 6:00 PM

A special opportunity to hear and learn about a rich, uncommon, yet expressly Scottish musical heritage. Traditional ballads,

songs of Robert Burns, border dance tunes and airs are presented on Scottish Smallpipes, Border Pipes, Flutes, Whistles, Concertina and Voice. MacKenzie even sings while playing the Smallpipes, a Lowland tradition.
Free

Buckham Memorial Library | 11 Division St E | Faribault, MN

Billy McLaughlin with SimpleGifts

Friday, March 27 at 7:30 PM

Billy McLaughlin concert, with guests from his ensemble SimpleGifts (of which Laura is a member!) For tickets and information:
centralsquare.org/events/concert-series

Central Square | 105 2nd Ave NE #111 | Glenwood, MN

Civil War Homecoming

Saturday, March 28 at 7:00 PM

"Civil War Homecoming", a portrait of Minnesota at the end of the Civil War drawn in music, articles, diaries and letters. A new show written and hosted by Dan Chouinard and featuring Kevin Kling, Maria Jette, Prudence Johnson, Laura MacKenzie, T Mychael Rambo, members of the Brass Messengers and the Roe Family Singers and more. At the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul and subsequent broadcast on MPR. Tickets available at the Fitzgerald Box office or at fitzgeraldtheater.publicradio.org

Fitzgerald Theater | 10 E Exchange St | St. Paul, MN

Laura MacKenzie

www.lauramackenzie.com

Traditional Wind-Powered Music

Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band

Friday March 6th – Finnegan's 'Search for Irish Holy Water' Brainerd Pub Crawl with the Brian Boru Pipe Band - info at www.finnegans.org

Saturday March 7th - Finnegan's 'Search for Irish Holy Water' Walker Pub Crawl with the Brian Boru Pipe Band - info at www.finnegans.org

Saturday March 7th - Finnegan's 'Search for Irish Holy Water' Duluth Pub Crawl with the Brian Boru Pipe Band - info at www.finnegans.org

Wednesday March 11th - Brian Boru Pipe Band Members Jimmy, Randy and Tamera's latest side project - the Northerly Gales at The Dubliner Pub - 9:00pm - 11:55pm - Hailing from the Twin Cities, the Northerly Gales is a rollicking acoustic folk group whose music draws from the Irish, Scottish, Canadian and American folk traditions. Though primarily consisting of fiddle, guitar,

pipes, bass and voice, the Gales love to mix it up with harmonica, whistle, mandolin, bouzouki, bodhran and whatever else they can get. www.thedublinerpub.com

Thursday March 12th - Brian Boru Pipe Band performing at the St. Pat's Association Miss Shamrock Crowning at O'Gara's Shanty - 6:30 p.m. Open to the Public - more info at www.stpatsassoc.org

Friday March 13th - *The Chieftains in Concert* featuring the Brian Boru Pipe Band - University of Iowa, Ames. Stephens Auditorium - More info & tickets at www.center.iastate.edu/events/variety/chieftains/

Saturday March 14th - Emmetsburg Iowa St. Patrick's Celebration with The Langer's Ball-
www.emmetsburgirishgifts.com/st_pats_events.htm

Saturday March 14th - Boru Bagpiper Anthony will be appearing at the Get Lucky 7k in the morning followed by Kieran's, Lyon's Pub, Morrissey's, etc. in the evening. Anthony's schedule at www.brianborupipeband.com

Saturday March 14th - Boru's "Jimmy The Piper" will be appearing at the Prairie Du Chien St. Patrick's Parade & Celebration

Tuesday March 17th - Minneapolis/St. Paul St. Patrick's Day- See the full band at the St. Paul Parade, Shamrock's, The Liffey, Lowertown Bulldog, Dunham's, O'Gara's, The Local, Kieran's, O'Donovan's and Triple Rock Social Club. Full schedule at www.brianborupipeband.com

More info on all events at www.brianborupipeband.com

MARCH 6

The Duluth Scottish Heritage Association's 4th annual Spring Concert

Join us once again for our annual Spring concert on [Friday, March 6, 2015](#).

www.duluthscots.com/events.htm

Mitchell Auditorium, St. Scholastica | 1200 Kenwood Ave, Duluth | Minnesota

MARCH 7

Highland Traditions Concert

Presenting the finest in Highland Piping, Drumming, and Highland Dancing

Sponsored by Merlins Rest Pub

Saturday March 7th at 8:00 PM

\$12 in advance \$15 at the door

highlandtraditions.com

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

Dunquin at Trotter's

Saturday March 7th, 6-8 pm (dinner hour)

Join DUNQUIN for dinner at Trotter's-fresh local yummy food. Eat well AND do good! We will donate all of our tips to the Merriam Park Food Shelf, AND Trotter's will kick in some additional funds. Think of this as the prelude to St Pat's Day; all Irish music; guaranteed fun!

Trotter's Café | 232 Cleveland Ave. No. | St. Paul, MN

March 14

TCSC Whist House Party

Our first event of the year for the TCSC will be a Whist House Party that will be held at the home of Joe and Monique McCracken on March 14th at 7:00.

We will have tea, but you are welcome to bring your favorite beverage (BYOB) and please bring an appetizer to share.

Whist is a simple card game that is played in Scotland often at Whist Drives. No experience needed, we will teach the game and run a practice hand. There will be prizes at no cost to the players.

Please come out and meet some of our new board members and see some old friends.

We will have a limit to 32 players so the first to RSVP are in! If you can come, email or call Andy McCracken.

andrewmcc@izoom.net or 612-710-9104

March 17

Thistledown at St. Olaf's Church

Tuesday, March 17th St Patrick's Day at noon-2 pm.

Thistledown plays our annual post-mass hooley in the Social Hall of St Olaf's Church in downtown Minneapolis. Free, but freewill donations accepted. Green lemonade, corned beef sandwiches and even cornier songs. We've done this one for twenty years and it's always fun.

St Olaf's Church | 215 So. 8th St. | Minneapolis, MN

Dunquin at the IMDA St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Tuesday, March 17th, 3:15-4 pm

The Irish Music and Dance Association throws its annual big St Pat's Celebration on three floors of the Landmark; lots of bands and entertainment. Come in from the parade and noisy bustle and listen to the quieter side of Irish music with DUNQUIN's Don and Sherry Ladig. Modest admission; check out www.irishmusicanddanceassociation.org for all the details.

Landmark Center Tearoom (room 317) | 75 West 5th Street | St. Paul, MN

APRIL 6, APRIL 18
Tartan Day 2015

Tartan Day 2015 is just a little over a month away. The Tartan Day Planning Committee has got lots of great, new, and innovative events lined up so mark your calendars.

Guess you could call this a TD triple-header. Well, not strictly speaking but there are three events on the calendar to celebrate Tartan Day 2015:

Event number one: April 6 - the official Tartan Day will be celebrated, as we have for 15 years on the steps of the state capitol in St. Paul - with a few changes. Given the uncertainty of the weather, cold, windy, snowy, rainy - you name it, we've had it all - this year's official Tartan Day kickoff will be held on the lower steps starting at 6:00 p.m. The planners are hoping those whose work day extends to 5:00 p.m. or so to toddle on over to the capitol for the later start. This event will be brief. No pipe bands, no dancing, no singing (well maybe one piece on a solo pipe), the reading of the 1998 Senate Resolution proclaiming Tartan Day, the presentation of the 2015 Tartan Day Lifetime Achievement Award recipient(s).

We will still process with Tartan Banners and flags flapping in the Spring breeze but our route will be somewhat changed. We have been told we cannot cross Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd., so we will gather at the corner of Dr. MLK Blvd and John Ireland Blvd starting at 5:30 - 5:45 and process to the mall and up the mall gathering on the lower steps at 6:00 p.m. I am sure you all have noticed our capitol is wrapped in a plastic box for renovations. Our event will take place just this side of where Aurora crosses between the mall and the main capitol steps. Please let us know if this is unclear to you. Check out a map here:

mn.gov/caapb/images/CapitolComplex.jpg

(Please be aware: there are no restroom facilities available at the state capitol while the renovations are underway.)

Event number two: And it's off to Merlin's to continue the day's celebration and partake of a wee dram and/or pint and some of Merlin's great food. No set menu, no admission price, off the menu ordering. But know that all are welcomed to this great place that has always welcomed members of our Scottish Community.

Event Number Three: And the last and biggest event of our triple-header, THE TARTAN DAY 2015 CEILIDH!

This is what we have so far. Still *somewhat* of a work in progress. It will just keep getting better and better. Details as we get them nailed down.

Join us on April 18th, starting at 5:00 p.m. Admission \$5.00 for persons over 15 years of age. Location: Celtic Junction, north of University Avenue on Prior Avenue in St. Paul. www.thecelticjunction.com

We aren't on their calendar yet, but we will be.

First: **Moran Taing** to Andy McCracken who has put together this amazing Tartan Day 2015 CEILIDH!

Here is the plan for the evening so far:

5:00 - 6:00 op.m. Social Hour

6:00 Macalester Pipe Band leads in the Clans of Scotland

Calling of the Clans by Minnesota Coalition of Scottish Clans

Toast to the Tartans by Jack Barker
Flower of Scotland - sing along with the pipes
Kilt Christening - work in progress, stay tuned for details
Tartan Day 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award(s)
MSCDA Dance performance
RSCDS/Twin Cities Chapter - Dance performance (Will Andy break the "Gay Gordon" record set last year?)
Macalester Pipe Band musical presentation

And last but not least, the CEILIDH DANCE. Andy and Chandi McCracken will lead us in the reels, waltzes and others of your favorite Ceilidh dances.

The Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games together with McCracken's Pub will provide the Meat Pies, Scotch Eggs, Bridies. We are grateful to the Lone Oak Grill for their *sponsorship* of the beverage service for the evening. That means beer, wine and scotch will be available. All proceeds from the modestly priced vitals and bebies will go to the Fair.

Oh, and what's that you say? You didn't get your Tartan Day 2015 button at the Scottish Ramble?? We have a couple of dozen left and they will be at the ticket table, \$3 each, Get one while you can there will be no more.

Questions: email Liz at liz@uncommongatherings.com or Babs at babsfayth@aol.com.

SEE YOU ALL AT TARTAN DAY 2015! Let's fill the place with celebrating Scots!

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Thank you!
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