



This month's Minnesota Scottish news and events.



# Scottish News in Minnesota



## May 2017

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### EVENTS

#### **May 4 | TCSC Whist Night**

The Twin Cities Scottish Club will be hosting a Whist Night at the Southdale Library, 7001 York Ave. So., Edina, MN 55435, 2nd fl. meeting room (elevator available). Join us from 6-6:30 pm for the social, 6:30-8:30 for the game. Whist is a simple, social, trick taking card game popular in Scotland. All ages and levels are welcome. There will be a quick lesson for newbies, and there will be prizes.

#### **May 12 | Katie McNally Trio in Concert**

You are invited to a House Concert in St Paul's Midway neighborhood on Friday, May 12 at 7:30 (doors open at 7:00) with the Katie McNally Trio. A suggested donation of \$20 is requested. Reservations are required; for reservations and concert address, please email [lfriedmanshedlov@gmail.com](mailto:lfriedmanshedlov@gmail.com).

### **Katie McNally Trio**

"The new face of Scottish fiddling in the USA" (The Living Tradition), Katie McNally has made waves in both the American traditional music scene and abroad since the release of her debut album, *Flourish*, in 2013. Based in Boston, her latest project synthesizes her elegant and powerful fiddle playing with the talents of genre-crossing pianist Neil Pearlman and bluegrass phenom Shauncey Ali on viola.

The trio's brand-new album *The Boston States* reinvigorates and reimagines the historic musical connection between Maritime Canada and New England. Under the guidance of producer Wendy MacIsaac (Bealach, Mary Jane Lamond), McNally has curated a collection of tunes that will draw inspiration from mid-century recordings of Cape Breton fiddlers both in Nova Scotia and Massachusetts and be sculpted by the creative energy of the modern Boston acoustic music scene. Recorded at the legendary Lakewind Sound Studios in Cape Breton earlier this year, *Irish Music Magazine* called *The Boston States* "one of the best modern Cape Breton records of the past ten years."

Nimble keyboard work, achingly lush string harmonies, and driving dance tunes define the unmistakable sound of the Katie McNally Trio. For more information, dates, and contact information, visit the website: [www.katiemcnally.com](http://www.katiemcnally.com)



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# NEWS

## A thank you from Tartan Week 2017

The Tartan Week steering committee would like to thank those of you who participated in some of the events that made Tartan Week 2017 another successful endeavor.

Tartan Week involves the major groups in Minnesota as well as several individuals who also participate in the steering committee. The events that are a part of Tartan Week are meant to interest the general public in participating in one, some or all of the events through the week. This year saw some different events and we will continue to listen to input to find additional or different events that are of interest in the future.

Tartan Week 2018 begins with a debrief meeting and then immediate planning for the events for next year. If you would like to assist, please contact Neil Johnson at the Scottish American Center, [johnson\\_neil@comcast.net](mailto:johnson_neil@comcast.net), and we will get you involved for next year and keep your eyes peeled for time, events and places as we get them set.



Please verify details before attending events.

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