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# Scottish News in Minnesota



## DECEMBER 2013

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### EVENTS

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NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 23

SimpleGifts concert

From Laura MacKenzie:

This year I am once again very pleased to join the SimpleGifts ensemble (featuring Billy McLaughlin) for a Holiday Tour in our region, which includes the release of our new CD "WinterGrace".

Concert information, tickets and CD information available now on the SimpleGifts website:

<http://www.simplegiftsmusic.net/>

Concert dates run from November 29th - December 23rd in various locations in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

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

## DECEMBER 7

### RSCDS Twin Cities 17th Annual Fàilte Ball

Join the RSCDS on December 7th at 6:30pm at the Celtic Junction in St. Paul.

"Fàilte" means welcome in Gaelic, and all Scottish dancers, beginners and experienced, are most welcome\*! The Fàilte Ball is intended to be a gentle introduction to the ball scene for newer dancers, and a fun night for all. Enjoy a scrumptious dessert buffet, live music by Thistledown, and dancing. Tickets are just \$20, \$15 if you are attending your first ball. Details at [www.rscds-twincities.org/failte.html](http://www.rscds-twincities.org/failte.html).

\*PLEASE NOTE: Although we consider this event to be "beginner-friendly," we do strongly recommend that dancers have some previous exposure to Scottish country dancing (a few classes at least) and familiarity with the terminology. Please contact us at info [at] rscds-twincities.org if you have any questions about your ability to participate.

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

## DECEMBER 8

### Nollaig Shona: a Celtic Christmas

WHO: Nuala Kennedy, Andrea Beaton, and Troy MacGillivray

WHAT: Concert of Christmas music from Ireland and Cape Breton

WHEN: Sunday, December 8 at 7:00 pm

WHERE: The Celtic Junction, 836 Prior Ave, St Paul MN 55104, 651/528-7979

TICKETS: \$20 at the door. Advance tickets \$16 plus service charge. Special Center for Irish Music discount, \$18 at the door. Advance tickets available at:

<http://www.vitalculture.com/thecelticjunction/2279#.UoWeYRzDwmR>

A holiday feast of music, song, dance and stories await as three of the top names in Irish and Cape Breton traditional music present Nollaig Shona, a Celtic Christmas concert.

Nuala Kennedy (originally from Ireland), Andrea Beaton of Cape Breton, and Troy MacGillivray from Nova Scotia will share the joy, laughter, and relaxed atmosphere of neighbors gathered around the fire at a holiday "house session" in Ireland or "kitchen party" on Nova Scotia's Cape Breton Island.

Kennedy's hauntingly beautiful vocals and adventurous instrumentation on fiddle and flute spring from traditional Irish and Scottish music as well as from the fathomless realms of her own imagination. Singing in English, Irish and Scots Gaelic, she has a "voice as luminous as her flute," according to Rhythms Magazine.

Coming from a long line of Cape Breton musicians (internationally acclaimed fiddler Natalie MacMaster is a cousin), Beaton has established herself through the power of her bow, the drive and swing of her timing, and the crispness of her attack. She also plays piano, and her percussive Cape Breton-style dancing is exhilarating.

Multi-instrumentalist MacGillivray from Lanark, Nova Scotia, has been playing music and step dancing since he was a young child, and was teaching at Cape Breton's Gaelic College in St. Ann by the time he was 13. A winner of numerous music awards, he is the recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for outstanding contributions to culture in Canada.

Joining the trio for this tour will be the very talented guitarist, Jake Charron. Come experience tradition. Nollaig Shona is sure to make your Christmas merry.

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

## JANUARY 1

### St. Andrew's First Footing

What better way to welcome in the New Year than at St. Andrew's First Footing. First Footing, another traditional Scottish and St. Andrew's event will take place on, yes, January 1, 2014, beginning at 1 pm. The setting this year will be the home of JoAnne and Roger Wahl in Prior Lake.

As usual, this gathering will be a pot-luck and we ask all attendees to bring a dish or a drink to share. Good Scottish recipes or distilled beverages are appreciated, but good old American food or drink is just fine too. Make sure that a dark-haired male is the first to cross the Wahl threshold to bring them good luck. Blondes, redheads, and ladies will just need to wait!

Directions to the Wahls: The Wahls live at 16510 Inguadona Beach Circle West in Prior Lake. Directions - go south on Interstate 35 to the 185th Street exit in Lakeville. Go west to Prior Lake and go left on Hwy 13 south. Go to 170th Street SW and go right (west). Go to Willow Lane and go right. Stay on Willow until you come to Inguadona Beach Circle, go left onto the circle but bear right until you come to 16510. Their phone (in case you get lost) is 952-447-2890.

The Wahls | 16510 Inguadona Beach Circle West | Prior Lake, MN

## JANUARY 18

### St. Andrew's Robert Burns Dinner

Mark the date of January 18, 2014 for the 38th Annual St. Andrew's Robert Burns Dinner at the Fort Snelling Officers Club. Plans are underway for another grand and elegant event. Invitations and more information on the dinner will be coming in mid-December. Once the invitations are out, get your reservations in early as space is limited and last year was a sell-out!

Fort Snelling Officers Club | 395 Minnesota 5 | St Paul, MN

### JANUARY 25

#### MSF&HG Robert Burns Celebration

Looking for a way to celebrate Robert Burns Birthday in the Twin Cities? Keep the date free and keep your eyes open for news of a special event from the Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games. Look for the next SNIM and notices on the Scottish Fair Facebook page.

<http://mnscothishfair.org/>

#### DSHA Burns Dinner

Join the DSHA for their Burns Dinner on January 25th, 2014 at 6:00 PM at the Kitchi Gammi Club (reservations required).

<http://www.duluthscots.com>

Kitchi Gammi Club | 831 E Superior St. | Duluth, MN

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### NESD Celtic Faire and Games

The NESD Celtic Faire and Games would like to thank everyone who entertained, competed and/or attended this year. It was our 6th year, and it gets better every time! Special thanks to The Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band, The Guthrie Highland Dancers, the Rince na Chroi Irish Dancers, Two Tap Trio, The Long Nines and The Tim Malloys for making this yet another successful event. We hope everyone will come out and enjoy things with us again next year, in Aberdeen, SD, on September 20/21. Thanks again!

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