

SCÉAL ÉILE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE COOLEY-KEEGAN BRANCH OF COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN



From the Chairman



A Chairde,

Here we are, done with summer already, when it seems like it just began! at least in the sense that school is back in session everywhere soon, if not already, and its time to pack up the traveling and camping things again. It also means that the UICC is spruced-up and open again after their August closure, and our regular schedule of dance and music lessons resumes there after the summer hiatus - I look forward to seeing many of you there....

People often (or at the very least, occasionally) ask me "what does Comhaltas do?" Even our members, who may be familiar with the specific activities of our local branch, may not be very aware of what the larger organization is up to. Last issue I mentioned the huge Fleadh Cheoil as an annual event that Comhaltas runs, which is essentially a celebration of live traditional Irish music. Its useful to note also, however, that Comhaltas has for a long time served as a repository for the history of Irish music, maintaining an extensive archive of recordings both old and new, which is an amazing resource for people who want to learn more about its history and evolution. If perhaps the Cultúrlann (or headquarters, in Monkstown) is a bit far for you to travel to peruse the archives, these days you can sample from it regularly via computer, through the wonders of the internet, as they post a new video recording each day to their site:

<http://comhaltas.ie/music/tag/ComhaltasLive>.

Whether you are a musician or just a fan of the music, it is a wonderful resource, and a great reminder that Irish music is played in many styles, by a wide variety of talented folks who may never issue a "commercial" recording. Enjoy!

Slán, Michael R.



Events this Month



CCE Night at the UICC - On the third Saturday of month, September 18th, and October 16th. CCE will host a night of dancing at the UICC Music begins at 7:30 with dancing at 8PM to live traditional Irish Music. Admission is free. Contact: Michael Riemer (riemer@ce.berkeley.edu).

South Bay/ Peninsula -: Two locations: On the first and third Wednesdays at Angelica's Bistro in Redwood City; On the second and fourth Tuesdays at Lily Mac's in Sunnyvale. Lessons: 7:30; Dance to live music 8-10. \$5 donation suggested. Info: Michael Murphy at irishboogieman@yahoo.com 415-999-6062.

East Bay - Starry Plough in Berkeley hosts ceili dancing on Mondays. Lessons from 7 to 9PM and dancing to live music from 9 to 11PM. Contact: John Slaymaker.

North Bay - Mary McDonagh and Micheal Minihane teach Set Dancing on the second and fourth Fridays of the month at Brosnan School of Irish Dance from 7 to 9PM. There is a \$5 charge for this class. Tea and cakes or sweets will be served. Contact: Mary McDonagh (irishsetdancer@yahoo.com), Micheal Minihane (michealminihane@yahoo.com)

Children's Ceili - The next Children's Ceilis will be held at the Irish Cultural Center on Sunday September 26th from 4-6PM. Comhaltas Members. Free. Non Comhaltas Members: \$5 per child or \$10 for two or more children.. Contact Josephine Brogan at 415-681-4803 or josephinebrogan@yahoo.com.

November Night Ceili - The annual November Night Ceili is on October 31st. See attached flyer for details.

See calendar page for address, phone number and web page for all venues.



FOUNDED IN 1951, COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN IS IRELAND'S PREMIERE CULTURAL MOVEMENT. WHEN YOU JOIN COMHALTAS, YOU JOIN PEOPLE IN MORE THAN 400 BRANCHES WORLDWIDE IN SUPPORT OF THE TRADITIONAL IRISH ARTS OF MUSIC, DANCE AND LANGUAGE. WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS. PLEASE CONTACT THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION OR VISIT US ON THE WEB AT [HTTP://SF.CCEWEST.ORG](http://sf.ccewest.org)

Song and Storytelling

The next Singing and Storytelling Seisiún will be hosted by Jeremy Friedenthal on September 3rd
956 Apricot Ave
Campbell
(408) 888 8370

The October Seisiún, on the 1st, will be hosted by Brennan and Meghan McKenzie
656 Alameda
San Carlos, CA 94070
650 339 3538

On November 5th Nancy Emro will host.
870 Franquette Avenue
San Jose, CA 95125
408-921-0971

CCE Classes

CCE sponsors the following classes at the UICC:
Classes are resuming in mid September.

Adult Irish Language
Children's Tin Whistle
Children's Fiddle
Children & Adult Bodhran

The music classes are intended for children in grades 2 through 6.

For more information, please contact Josephine Brogan at josephinebrogan@yahoo.com or 415-681-4803. Pre-registration and payment is required to secure a place for all classes.

Regional Meeting

The 2010 West Region Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 6th. at Aleta Hancock's house. After the meeting, there will be a workshop, potluck dinner and Ceili in Claremont. All are welcome to attend. If flying, Burbank airport would be the closest - stay away from LAX. Please contact Josephine Brogan for more details.

General Meeting

General Meetings of the Membership are normally held on the first Tuesday of the month. The next one will be on September 7th starting at 7:30 at the UICC. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Volunteers Needed

Please help support Celtic and folk music and public radio by taking pledges at the KALW pledge drive on Saturday, September 11th.

Volunteers are needed between 2pm and 8pm during the station's Celtic, folk and bluegrass programs. Any time you can spare during that time period is appreciated—you do not need to volunteer for the whole 6-hour shift (although that would be fine too!).

Food and training provided as well as on-air recognition for Comhaltas. Please contact Jennifer Mahoney at jenny.mahoney@gmail.com or 415 216-5490 if you can help out.

Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta

Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta 2010, uimhir a 12! (San Francisco Bay Area Irish Language Immersion Weekend, 12th annual!) October 1-3, 6pm Fri. - 4:30pm Sun. Venue: United Irish Cultural Center, San Francisco.

Increase your confidence and fluency in Irish, or make a good start on learning it! Four class levels, beginner to advanced.

The Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta features intensive tutorials focusing on spoken language and increasing fluency. Teachers are native speakers of Irish. Bring instruments & voices for sessions each evening when we will be playing music, & sharing songs, poetry, stories & craic in Irish. We'll also have a few dances Saturday night, taught in Irish by Brían Ó Bríon, and a short extra workshop on Sean-nós singing presented by Éamonn Ó Dónaill.

Registration form enclosed. Info & registration form also available at

www.OneSourceGraphics.com/Gaeilge/DeireadhSeachtaine.html

or contact us at 510-881-5958, or
cce_gaeilge@ccwest.org

Marin Ceili

Another fine ceili will be held in Marin in the evening on October 23rd. We don't have the details of the time/ place yet but an email will be sent with more information closer to the 23rd or contact Micheal Minihane (michealminihane@yahoo.com)



Set Dancing



1st Thursday: Plough and Stars in San Francisco at 8:00pm. Music by the Shannon Céilí Band.

2nd through last Thursdays:

- Lessons at the United Irish Cultural Center (UICC) in San Francisco at 7:30pm -- check at bar for room. Taped music:
- Plough and Stars in San Francisco at 9:30pm. Topsy House typically plays on the 2nd, 4th and last Thursday; Shannon Ceili Band on the 1st and 3rd Thursday. Dancers are encouraged to contribute \$5 to support the live music.

1st & 3rd Wednesdays:

- Angelica's Bistro in Redwood City. Lessons: 7:30; Dance to live music 8-10. \$5 suggested to support the live music.

2nd & 4th Tuesdays:

- Lily Mac's in Sunnyvale. Lessons: 7:30; Dance to live music 8-10. \$5 suggested to support the live music.

Mondays:

- Starry Plough in Berkeley: Ceili dancing on Mondays. Lessons from 7 to 9PM and dancing to live music from 9 to 11PM. Contact: John Slaymaker.

2nd and 4th Fridays:

- Brosnan School of Irish Dance in San Rafael: From 7 to 9 pm. There is a \$5 charge for this class.



Seisiún



Slow Seisiún:

- Junior Seisiun/slow seisiun is now held one hour prior to each Children's Ceili at the UICC. Please check the calendar for details and dates.

Seisiún: - 8:30 Sundays at the Plough and Stars, various hosts.

Song and Storytelling Seisiún: Held on the first Friday of each month, check above for details.

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SEPTEMBER 2010

DÉ DOMHNAIGH SUNDAY	DÉ LUAN MONDAY	DÉ MÁIRT TUESDAY	DÉ CEADAÓIN WEDNESDAY	DÉARDAÓIN THURSDAY	DÉ h-Aoine FRIDAY	DÉ SATHAÍRN SATURDAY
Aug 29	30	31	Sept 1	2	3	4
<u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars		<u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	<u>Set Dancing</u> Angelica's Bistro Redwood City	<u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	<u>Song Seisiún</u> Jeremy Friedenthal Campbell	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars		<u>CCE Meeting</u> UICC 7:30PM <u>Set Dancing</u> Lily Mac's Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars		<u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	<u>Set Dancing</u> Bronsan Dance Studio San Rafael	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars		<u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	<u>Set Dancing</u> Angelica's Bistro Redwood City	<u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House		<u>CCE Ceili</u> UICC 8PM w/ Live Music
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars		<u>Set Dancing</u> Lily Mac's Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars		<u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Emperor Norton Ceili Band	<u>Set Dancing</u> Bronsan Dance Studio San Rafael	
26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1	2
<u>Children's Ceili</u> UICC 4-6PM <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars		<u>Song Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars		<u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	<u>Song Seisiún</u> Brennan and Meghan McKenzie Santa Clara	



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OCTOBER 2010

DÉ DOMHNAIGH SUNDAY	DÉ LUAN MONDAY	DÉ MÁIRT TUESDAY	DÉ Céadaoin WEDNESDAY	DÉARDAIN THURSDAY	DÉ h-Aoine FRIDAY	DÉ SATHAIRN SATURDAY
Sep 26 <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	27	28 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	29	30 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	Oct 1 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Brennan and Meghan McKenzie Santa Clara	2
3 <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	4	5 <u>CCÉ Meeting</u> UICC 7:30PM <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	6 <u>Set Dancing</u> Angelica's Bistro Redwood City	7 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	8 <u>Set Dancing</u> Bronsan Dance Studio San Rafael	9
10 <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	11	12 <u>Set Dancing</u> Lily Mac's Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	13	14 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	15	16 <u>CCE Ceili</u> UICC 8PM w/ Live Music
17 <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	18	19 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	20 <u>Set Dancing</u> Angelica's Bistro Redwood City	21 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	22 <u>Set Dancing</u> Bronsan Dance Studio San Rafael	23 <u>Marin Ceili</u> Place/time TBA
24 <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	25	26 <u>Set Dancing</u> Lily Mac's Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	27	28 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	29 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Jeremy Friedenthal Campbell	30
<u>November Night Ceili</u> UICC 31						

Plough and Stars - 116 Clement Ave. (Between 2nd and 3rd), San Francisco, (415) 751-1122 theploughandstars.com

U.I.C.C. - 2700 45th Ave. (At Sloat Blvd.), San Francisco, (415) 661-2700 www.irishcentersf.org

Lily Mac's - 118 S. Murphy St. Sunnyvale (between Washington and Evelyn Aves)

Starry Plough - 3101 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley (510) 841-2082 starryploughpub.com

Beckett's Irish Pub - 2271 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley (510) 647-1790 www.beckettsirishpub.com

Angelica's Bistro - 863 Main Street, Redwood City

Bronsan School of Irish Dance - 1879 2nd Street, San Rafael (415) 259-0992 bronsanschool.com

You can also visit the following websites for events:

San Francisco CCE - Cooley-Keegan Branch - sf.ccewest.org

Santa Cruz CCE - Clifford-Hoban Branch - www.folkplanet.com/cce