
The Center for Irish Music

January 2008

Class Notes:

Happy New Year! We are in for a very exciting 2008 at the Center. I hope you have enjoyed the winter holidays and now it is time for a different kind of holiday planning: St. Patrick's Day! We are happy to say there will be multiple opportunities for students to perform and learn during this time. More detailed information on this is coming in this and future newsletters.

We would like to send a special welcome to some new people at the Center:

Teachers: Chad McAnnaly: harp, Tom Juenemann: accordion, Pat McCormick: uilleann pipes

Board of Directors: Mike Lynch: President, Fintan Moore: Vice President, Maeve O'Mara: Secretary, Susanna Gibbons: Treasurer, Natalie O'Shea – at large, Kathleen Hansen – at large

Thank you, Kate Dowling

NOTES:

- FAMILY SESSION WILL MEET FEBRUARY 5 from 7-8pm!
- VALENTINE'S NIGHT? Check in with your instructor regarding whether or not you plan to attend lessons on Feb 14
- RECITAL LOCATION will be changing – Neighborhood House is not available that day. More info on location soon!

February Fiddle Week featuring Denis Liddy



The February Fiddle Week is a fantastic opportunity for students of all ages and levels to gain exposure to a phenomenal teacher of Irish fiddle and Clare music. The Center for Irish Music is bringing Denis directly to Minnesota, especially for the Twin Cities music community. Denis is a fine musician, has won the All-Ireland multiple times, and is renowned for his teaching in Ireland and abroad. His inspiration and instruction is vital to the continuation of the Irish tradition worldwide. Elvie Miller is well known for her folk piano and accordion playing. She is based out of Boston – we are excited to have her share her music with us.

The February Fiddle Week is for students of all ages in our community. By bringing masters such as Denis and Elvie to the Twin Cities for specialized workshops, we hope to engage the metro area in fun, passionate, energizing music that we know and love.

The February Fiddle Week is made possible in part by a generous grant for the Irish Fair of Minnesota's Legacy Fund. Thank you for your support.

*Please note, anyone who participates in the workshops is invited to play at the Friday concert. Also! Discounts available for current CIM members! **REGISTER by emailing or calling Kate.***

Tuesday, February 12

5-7pm Private Lessons Available (fiddle, piano and piano accordion)

7-9pm Clare Music Group Class (all instruments, all levels)

Wednesday, February 13

3-5pm Private Lessons Available (fiddle, piano and piano accordion)

5-7pm Intermediate Group Fiddle (with Denis Liddy)

5-7pm Advanced Ensemble Music (with Elvie Miller – all instruments)

7-9pm Advanced Group Fiddle (with Denis Liddy)

7-9pm Intermediate Ensemble Music (with Elvie Miller – all instruments)



Friday, February 15

7-10pm Concert at Kieran's Irish Pub in the Titanic Lounge (back room)

All students who take classes during the week are encouraged to bring their instruments & participate in the concert.

Tuition & Concert Cover Charge*

Private lessons are \$40 each for a 30-minute lesson.

Group classes are \$60 each or \$90 for two, \$120 for three.

Concert cover charge is \$10 per person or \$40 per family.

**Current Center for Irish Music Members receive a 10% discount on classes and the concert*

Financial Aid Policies and Application

The Center is pleased to announce that through generous grants and donations we are able to offer Financial Aid for both our regular programming and the Young Irish Musicians Weekend (YIM). Due dates for applications are May 15 for the 2008/2009 school year and April 15 for the YIM. Policies and applications are available through our website or contact The Center to have a print copy sent to you.

Get Ready for St. Patrick's Day in only FIVE weeks!

Impress your friends and family this St. Patrick's Day season with some Irish tunes and songs. This series of classes will have you singing an old favorite and playing a couple of tunes in no time! Classes start in February and run for FIVE weeks. Tuition: \$100 per class. Classes are open to students of all ages. Students in the fiddle class should already know how to play their instrument.

Sing Along Pub Songs

Tuesdays 7-8pm with Todd Menton
(no experience necessary!)

Favorite Fiddle Tunes

Thursdays 7-8pm with Nathan Gourley
(for people who already play the violin)

Pick up the Pennywhistle

Thursdays 8-9pm with Kate Dowling
(no experience necessary)

Young Irish Musicians Weekend 2008



Liz Carroll

June 20-22, 2008 will be THE weekend to be around the Twin Cities! The Young Irish Musicians Weekend is intended as an intensive, high-quality course in traditional Irish music and culture, designed to inspire expert, novice and beginner players alike. The weekend offers intimate daytime instrument workshops lead by world-renowned master artists:

- **Liz Carroll, fiddle (Chicago)**
- **Dermot Diamond, fiddle (Dublin)**
- **Tara Bingham-Diamond, flute & tin whistle (Dublin)**
- **Tommy Martin, uilleann pipes, flute & tin whistle (Dublin via St. Louis)**
- **Daithi Sproule, guitar & song in English & Irish (Derry via St. Paul)**

June 20 7-9pm Social with Sessions, Steps and Snacks

June 21 10am-4pm Classes

June 21 7:30-10pm Master Concert

June 22 10am-3pm Classes

June 22 3:30 Final Session / Recital

Registration is limited! Register prior to May 1 for discounted tuition. Thanks to the Irish Fair of Minnesota's Legacy Fund grant, FIVE full-tuition financial aid awards are available this year! Apply by April 15, 2008. 2008's events take place at McNally-Smith College of Music, downtown St. Paul. JOIN US!

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NEW! Adult Classes Available Friday, June 20 to Sunday June 22

We will have information available soon on a limited number of classes for the adult musicians in our community with Liz Carroll, Dermot and Tara Diamond, Tommy Martin and Daithi Sproule. Check back!
