



Center for Irish Music Newsletter - June 2008

Dedicated to Handing Down the Tradition

Class Notes

Our first full school-year together is coming to a close. We have all accomplished a lot this last school year: many young students have started out on new instruments and we have all progressed as musicians this year. We've added to our programming, added instructors, and added many, many new faces of students and board members. A big thank you to everyone – especially parents driving students to and from classes and events. As an instructor it is wonderful and rewarding to share my love of Irish music and culture with my students. I know all our instructors feel the same way. I hope your families have enjoyed it as well! Our spring term programming goes through (including) the week of June 9. Due to many of our instructors touring and travel schedules, CIM does not currently offer summer programming outside of our Young Irish Musicians Weekend. If you are interested in the YIM, please let us know soon! Otherwise we will see you at the Irish Fair in August or at classes in the fall - classes will start the week of September 22. We are excited to continue to be a vital part of the greater Twin Cities' Irish community. Thanks for a great first year! - Kate

Join us at the 2nd Annual Young Irish Musicians Weekend

JUNE 20-22, 2008

Classes for BEGINNIERS (entering grade 2-8)

Classes for INTERMEDIATE & ADVANVED YOUTH (under age 25)

Classes for ADULTS in conjunction with the YIM (of any genre, any level)

YIM Party & Concert!

Join us Friday, June 20 for a party and reception to kick off our Young Irish Musicians Weekend! This event is open to the public. A cash bar and light appetizers will be available. We will have a very special concert featuring *Lost in the Harbor*, screen DVDs of *Come West Along the Road* programs and of course, have a massive session with our master artists! Join us – it's going to be THE PARTY of the year!



2007 YIM Concert

Don't miss THE CONCERT of the year! The Master-Artists Concert is Saturday, June 21 and will feature our master artists in a unique concert. This event is also open to the public. Cost is \$15 per person or \$45 per immediate family. Registered students attend for free. Concessions will be available.

YIM Party/Hooley/Reception

Friday, June 20, 7pm
McNally-Smith College of Music
3rd Floor Café
19 Exchange Street East, St Paul, MN 55102
Cost \$10/\$35 per immediate family
Registered students attend for free

YIM Master-Artist Concert

Saturday, June 21, 7:30pm
McNally-Smith College of Music
Auditorium
19 Exchange Street East, St Paul, MN 55102
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All-School Recital – Sunday, June 1, 2-4pm at the Wellstone Center!

Congratulations on a year well done! Celebrate with us on Sunday June 1 at our All-School Recital. It will be a wonderful way to end our first year together! Even if you're not playing, you are invited to attend. Thanks!

Family Session – Sunday, June 8, 2-3pm @ Fire Roast Mountain Café

The Family Session will take place Sunday, June 8 from 2-3pm at Fire Roast Mountain Café. Maybe we'll have great weather and get to play our whole session outside again! Fire Roast Mountain Café is located at 3619 E 38th Street in Minneapolis. It has great sandwiches, soups, coffee drinks and baked goods. Bring your family – we'll see you there! We will NOT meet for sessions in July or August. Thanks!

Congratulations to CIM student graduates!

A hearty congratulations to our graduating CIM students. Mattie Ernst (going on to St. Ben's), Tony Comeau (going on to MCTC), and David Hill (graduating from DCTC). Good luck in all your endeavors! Congratulations also to Colleen White (CIM alum) who won a scholarship to become a young ambassador to Northern Ireland.

MN Feile Music Competition Opportunity

If you are interested in competing in Irish music locally, you will have the opportunity at the MN Feile (dance competitions) on June 28 at the St Paul Rivercenter. For more information visit www.twincitiesfeile.com. Good luck!

Upcoming Performances

Singer and wooden flute player Norah Rendell and guitarist and singer Brian Miller released their duo CD *Wait There Pretty One* last Fall. On Thursday, June 5th, they will revisit their unique duo arrangements of traditional Irish and contemporary folk music with a 7:30pm concert in the intimate setting of The Ginkgo Coffeehouse in St. Paul.

Norah Rendell and Brian Miller in Concert 7:30pm, Thursday, June 5th Ginkgo Coffeehouse

721 N. Snelling Ave, St. Paul, MN 55104

\$10 in advance, \$12 at the door.

For advance tickets, call 651-645-2647 or email kathy@ginkgocoffee.com

Recent CIM CD Releases

Sean Egan, CIM piano and whistle teacher and adult ensemble leader, has released a solo cd *Alone, Raining*. As Nick Lethert says, "this is a dazzling album of eleven original instrumental compositions played by Sean on piano, clarinet, saxophone, tin whistle, and percussion." Buy the cd online at <http://cdbaby.com/cd/seanegan> or find out more information on Sean at <http://www.seaneganmusic.com> Congratulations Sean!

Daithi Sproule has released a gorgeous new cd of guitar music *The Crow in the Sun*. The CD was officially launched in early April (join release with HiBs – see below). "Exquisitely wrought melodies" - Michael Metzger, *MinnPost*. The CD is on New Folk Records, distributed by Allegro Music. To get a copy, visit <http://www.daithisproule.com/>

Kate & Jode Dowling, aka The HiBs (short for Hibernian), have released their debut CD, *The 40 Acre Notch*. Many guests appear on the CD including Martin McHugh, Brian Miller, Brian Wade, Sean Egan, Paul Wehling and Daithi Sproule. The CD was launched at the Cedar Cultural Center in April, however, it won't be "officially" available until sometime in July. If you'd like a copy, (*unofficially, of course*) email us! Or contact us via our myspace <http://www.myspace.com/thehibs>

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See you at the Irish Fair August 8-10