



Burlington  
Irish Heritage  
Festival



**2015** our 20th annual festival

## Tuesday, March 10

### **Genealogy Workshop:**

#### **“Finding Your Irish Roots”**

**7:00 - 8:00 pm**

Join Ed McGuire of the Vermont Genealogy Library for discussion of the records, tools and techniques for searching both here and in Ireland. This session will be followed by tours of the library's resources and use of their subscription databases including Ancestry.com and FindMyPast.ie. Room 202, Dupont Building, Ft. Ethan Allen, Colchester. Co-presented with the Vermont Genealogy Library. Donations. Refreshments provided, Irish genealogy books for sale. For more information call 802-310-9285.

## Wednesday, March 11

### **Concert:**

#### **Caitlín Nic Gabhann & Ciarán Ó Maonaigh**

**6:00 pm**

Award-winning musicians in their own right, Caitlín Nic Gabhann & Ciarán Ó Maonaigh are quickly becoming one of the foremost duets in Ireland today. Their music & dance is rooted in the tradition; full of spirit, soul and life. Together on fiddle, concertina & dance, they breath fire into traditional tunes.

Burlington Violin Shop, 23 Church St. Co-presented by Young Tradition Vermont & Burlington Violin Shop. \$15 suggested donation at the door. Limited seating- Reservations via e-mail mark.sustic@gmail.com

### **Irish Music Open Session**

**9:00 pm**

Come to play or to listen. The session is open to musicians & singers. Fine local musicians bring their best Irish tunes. This is not a slow session, so sit down and strap yourself in. Come ready to play, sing, dance or tap your toes, and try to keep up. Radio Bean, 8 North Winooski Ave., Burlington. Donations.

## Friday, March 13

### **Presentation:**

#### **“In Song and in Story - 250 Years in the County Mayo”**

**Noon - 1 :00 pm**

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Andy Naughton presents a program of historical and family songs and stories learned from his father, Patrick Naughton (1902-1998). His family came to the Co. Mayo in 1691 after the Siege of Limerick. For the next 250 years, until they sold the farm in 1949, they survived quietly as subsistence farmers and seasonal migratory farm laborers- though history would occasionally intervene. Pickering Room, Fletcher Free Library, 235 College St., Burlington. Donations.

### **UVM Celtic Cats Showcase**

**7:30 pm**

The Celtic Cats (UVM Irish Step Dance Club) will perform recent and varied pieces with guest performances by other UVM dance and music groups. Dance Studio, Patrick Gym, 97 Spear St. Parking in Gutterson garage. Free event.

### **Eileen Ivers**

**8:00 pm**

Grammy-winning fiddle virtuoso Eileen Ivers is one of the great innovators in Celtic and world music, a performer who changes the way you think about the violin. An original musical star of *Riverdance* and founding member of Cherish the Ladies, Ivers has performed for presidents and royalty worldwide and is a nine-time All-Ireland fiddle champion. Her dazzling virtuosity and imaginative, bold style has earned her reputation as “the future of the Celtic fiddle” (Washington Post). “The Jimi Hendrix of the violin” (New York Times). Flynn Theater Main Stage, 153 Main St. Burlington. Presented by The Flynn Center and the UVM Lane Series. \$15-\$40. Tickets: [www.flynntix.org](http://www.flynntix.org) , 802-86-FLYNN, or 802-863-5966.

## Saturday, March 14

### **Children’s Crafts**

**10:00 am – Noon**

Share the Irish heritage with a new generation - or expand your children's cultural horizons by creating some Irish-themed crafts. All ages are welcome. Fletcher Room, Fletcher Free Library, 235 College St., Burlington. Donations.

### **Instrument Petting Zoo - featuring Irish instruments**

**10:00 – 11:00 am and Noon – 1:00 pm**

Instruments can be the keys that help open doors to the world of traditional music and dance for children, which is at the very heart of what Young Tradition Vermont is all about. Our primary purpose with the Instrument Petting Zoo is putting instruments in the hands of young folks, which we know can spark an interest and further exploration by the child and their family. We use the instrument petting zoo to facilitate the discovery of instruments, the sounds they make, and the movement and dance that can result. (Adults too!) Fletcher Room, Fletcher Free Library, 235 College St., Burlington. Presented by Young Tradition Vermont. Donations.

### **Music and Tales from Ireland**

#### **with Hilari Farrington & Benedict Koehler**

**11:00 am – Noon**

In the Irish folk tradition, no musical session is ever complete without stories about the tunes being played, the musicians who played them, or some mystical or humorous tale. With Irish harp and uilleann bagpipes among other instruments, Hilari Farrington & Benedict Koehler will take you on a tour of Ireland through its music, folk customs, and stories. Founders of the Vermont School of Irish Traditional Music, these well-known musicians have played and taught music throughout North America and Ireland. Pickering Room, Fletcher Free Library, 235 College St., Burlington. Co-presented with Young Tradition Vermont. \$8 suggested Donation.

## Sunday, March 15

### **Festival Ceili**

**1:00 - 3:00 pm**

Ceili is the Irish word for a music, dancing, hand-clapping good time! The annual Festival Ceili is fun for the whole family with Irish step dancing and some fine traditional musicians. Hear fiddles and flutes, Irish pipes and pennywhistles, and the bodhran, an Irish frame drum. Area musicians are welcome to bring their instruments and join in for a lively seisun. Bake sale, tables with displays/info. on Irish language, culture, festivals, etc. Beth Anne



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McFadden and students of the McFadden Academy of Irish Dance will perform and also lead audience participation in Ceili dances. Contois Auditorium, 149 Church St., Burlington. Donations.

#### **GRAND PRIZE • Drawing for ‘Luck of the Irish’ Raffle at the END OF THE CEILI**

### **UVM Celtic Cats Ceili**

**3:00 - 6:00 pm**

The Celtic Cats St. Patrick's Ceili is UVM's premier Irish cultural event. Since its inception in 2010, it has been the only strictly Irish event on campus each year. Come join the Cats for an afternoon of Irish music and dance, showcasing the performance pieces they've been working on all year to a mix of traditional and extremely non-traditional music. There will also be an opportunity for audience participation in traditional Ceili (group) dances. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided and attendees are also encouraged to bring an Irish dish to share! Silver Maple Ballroom in the Davis Center, 590 Main St., on the UVM campus. Parking in Jeffords lot. \$5 admission with a UVM, St. Michael's, Champlain or Middlebury affiliate ID; \$7 for the general public.

## Saturday, March 21

### **Concert for St. Patrick with the Sligo-Bound Six, the Zeichners, Gus La Casse and others**

**7:00 - 9:30 pm**

The Sligo-Bound Six are young traditional musicians from the Philadelphia region who compete at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann (world championships of Irish music). At the Mid-Atlantic Fleadh in April 2014, members of the the group qualified in 14 different categories for the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in August 2014 in Sligo Town, County Sligo, Ireland. Members of the group include: Alanna Griffin, Alex Weir, Keegan Loesel, Emily Safko, Haley Richardson, and Livia Safko. Haley's brother Dylan Richardson will also accompany the group. McCarthy Arts Center, Saint Michael's College, 1 Winooski Park, Colchester. Co-Presented by Young Tradition Vermont and St. Michael's College with the Burlington Irish Heritage Festival. Suggested donation \$15 at the door. For more information contact: mark.sustic@gmail.com or [www.youngtraditionvermont.org](http://www.youngtraditionvermont.org)