

# our 25th annual festival



# 2020

## saturday, february 29

6:30 pm **Pre-show Talk with Artists in Hall**

7:30 pm Concert: **Dervish presented by UVM Lane Series**

Dervish, from music-rich county Sligo, really are one of the most accomplished, fun, and experienced Celtic touring ensembles performing today. Fronted by singer Cathy Jordan, Dervish has been entertaining audiences with traditional tunes and songs for almost 30 years. Location: UVM Recital Hall, 384 South Prospect Street, Burlington.

Tickets: \$40 adult / \$10 student. [www.uvm.edu/laneseries/dervish](http://www.uvm.edu/laneseries/dervish) (Tickets are currently unavailable for this show. Please continue to check back, as we may be able to open up seats in the future.)

## sunday, march 1

1:00-3:00 pm **Community Ceili hosted by The Garrett School of Irish Dance**



An afternoon of live traditional Irish music and dance, this ceili (community celebration) will feature the traditional social dances of Ireland, along with a few special performances and live music by Denise Dean and friends. Dances will be taught on the day and all are welcome to participate! No experience and no partner needed. Please bring clean soft soled shoes and join us for an afternoon

of dancing, music, food, and fun for all ages!

Location: Richmond Free Library Community Rm., 201 Bridge St.

Suggested donation: \$8 Individual, \$5 Student/Senior, \$20 Family

## sunday, march 1 & all sundays (ongoing)

1:00-3:00 pm **Irish Language Classes**

Irish language classes meet each Sunday. Study materials and instruction provided free; no age limit for those interested. Beginners welcome. Contact Andy Naughton for further information: [anaughton63@gmail.com](mailto:anaughton63@gmail.com).

Location: *Ri Ra Irish Pub and Restaurant, Whiskey Room, 123 Church St., Burlington (enter from Church Street through pub and restaurant)*

Admission: Free! Donations welcome

## monday, march 2

7:00 pm Concert: **Altan presented by Young Tradition Vermont**

Altan is an Irish folk and traditional music group, which formed in Gweedore, County Donegal in 1987. The popular outfit, who are led by the world-renowned fiddler and vocalist Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh, have been driven by many critically acclaimed albums and a relentless touring schedule. They emerged during the 1990s as one of Ireland's premiere traditional musical groups and have since sold millions of records worldwide.

Location: Flynn Space, 153 Main St., Burlington. Tickets: \$37.50 [www.flynnix.org](http://www.flynnix.org)

## wednesday, march 4 & all wednesdays (ongoing)

7:00-8:30 pm **Irish Music Open Session**

The session is open to musicians & singers. Fine local musicians bring their best Irish tunes. Come ready to play, sing, dance or tap your toes, and try to keep up.

Location: Light Club Lamp Shop (Radio Bean), 12 North Winooski Ave., Burlington.

Admission: Free!

## thursday, march 5 (1st & 3rd thursdays, ongoing)

7:00-9:00 pm **JCAT Irish Session**

Moderately paced, all welcome. Every first and third Thursday of the month, the Jericho Cafe and Tavern plays host to a traditional Irish session open to all Irish musicians. Like all sessions, it has its own flavor. It is designed to be less intimidating and a comfortable place for people of various experiences to share a tune. The intention is to include all

who want to play.

Location: Jericho Cafe & Tavern, 30 VT-15, Jericho Center

Admission: Free! For info [denisedean15@gmail.com](mailto:denisedean15@gmail.com)

## friday, march 6

Evening (check website for time update)

Fireside Chat: **"Ireland, the EU, and the Transatlantic Relationship"**

- **Laoise Moore, Consul General of Ireland for New England**

Join the Burlington Irish Heritage Festival as we welcome Laoise Moore to discuss Brexit, the European Union, and what it all means for the U.S.-Ireland relationship. Bring your questions! Location: Fletcher Room, Fletcher Free Library, 235 College St., Burlington

Admission: Free! Donations welcome

## saturday, march 7

7:00 pm Concert: **O'hAnleigh**



Vermont's own O'hAnleigh celebrates the Burlington Irish Heritage Festival! Multi-instrumentalists with killer harmonies, O'hAnleigh fires up the night with award-winning original songs of the Irish-American experience, sizzling fiddle tunes, and your all-time favorite Irish pub sing-alongs.

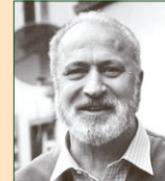
Location: Flynn Space, 153 Main St., Burlington.

Tickets: \$22.50 [www.flynnix.org](http://www.flynnix.org)

## sunday, march 8

1:00-2:30 pm Poetry reading: **"Delanty's Vermont and Ireland"**

- **Greg Delanty, with John Murray and Friends**



Greg Delanty is a celebrated poet on both sides of the Atlantic and a recipient of many awards, including the Guggenheim award for poetry. Born in Cork in 1958 he has lived in Vermont since 1987 and has appeared in various significant US anthologies. He is the author of numerous collections of poetry, including Selected Delanty (2017) and the forthcoming No More Time. Greg teaches at Saint Michael's College. He will be accompanied at his reading by John Murray and other musician friends.

Location: Pickering Room, Fletcher Free Library, 235 College St., Burlington

Admission: Free! Donations welcome

## monday, march 9

6:00-8:30 pm Presentation: **"Fenians in Vermont" - Liam McKone**

In May of 1870, hundreds of soldiers in the Fenian Brotherhood from around the eastern US passed through the railroad station in Essex Junction on their way to St. Albans, rendezvous for the attack on Canada. These militant Irish nationalists, who served in the Irish Republican Army, struck a blow for independence of their homeland from centuries of British misrule, though swiftly repulsed by Canadian forces. Presented by Liam McKone, President of the Fenian Historical Society and author of the biography of Captain John Loneragan, hero of the Battle of Gettysburg.

Location: Kolvoord Community Room, Brownell Library, Five Corners in Essex Junction (park free behind library).

Admission: Free!

## tuesday, march 10

7:00-8:30 pm **Genealogy Workshop: 'Finding Your Irish Roots'**

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. Refreshments provided; Irish genealogy books for sale.

Location: Room 202, Dupont Building, Ft. Ethan Allen, Colchester. Co-presented with the Vermont Genealogy Library. For more information call 802-310-9285.

Admission: Free! Donations welcome

## thursday, march 12

Noon Presentation: **"Between Red and Green: Political Philosophy and Irish Republicanism" - Patrick Standen**



The Irish republican movement's origins lay in the eighteenth century enlightenment movements of republican political philosophy--the same ideas that inspired the American and French revolutions. This talk will examine the range of political thinkers from Locke to Burke to Marx whose ideas influenced the rise of republican thought in Ireland, with a glance to how that history would influence revolutionary movements of the 20th century.

Location: Room TBA (check BIHF website), Saint Michael's College, 1,

Winooski Park, Colchester

Admission: Free! Donations welcome

## saturday, march 14

10:00 am - Noon **Children's Crafts**



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.

Location: Fletcher Room, Fletcher Free Library, 235 College St., Burlington.

Admission: Free! Donations welcome

10:00 - Noon **Instrument Petting Zoo - Young Tradition Vermont**



Adjoining the Children's Crafts event, this is a chance for your youngsters to get up close and friendly with some of the most important instruments used in traditional music. Display and hands-on guidance graciously provided by Young Tradition Vermont. All ages are welcome.

Location: Fletcher Room, Fletcher Free Library, 235 College St., Burlington. Admission: Free! Donations welcome

10:30 - Noon Presentation: **"Irish Music in Vermont"**

- **Benedict Koehler and Hilari Farrington**



Irish music is a worldwide phenomenon, but you'd be hard-pressed to find a more respected traditional Irish music scene than right here in central and northern Vermont. This program will give you a window into Irish music in Vermont through lively tunes and stories. Multi-instrumentalists Benedict Koehler and Hilari Farrington are known across the U.S. and Canada as teachers and performers of Irish traditional music. Founders of the Vermont School of Irish Traditional Music, this couple has helped to create and promote a thriving Irish music community in the state.

Location: Pickering Room, Fletcher Free Library, 235 College St., Burlington

Admission: Free! Donations welcome

12:30 - 1:30 pm **Tin Whistle Workshop with Mary Ann Samuels**

The tin whistle, iconic instrument of Irish music, is a simple, yet amazing instrument. At this workshop students will use D whistles to learn the basics, plus a few tunes by ear. Attendees are encouraged to bring a recording device. Sheet music for the tunes will be provided at the end of the workshop. Mary Ann Samuels has played tin whistles since the late 1970's. She performs with Full Circle and Champlain Consort, playing hammered dulcimer and recorders as well as whistles. She has taught music in schools and now teaches private lessons at home.

Location: Pickering Room, Fletcher Free Library, 235 College St., Burlington

Admission: Free! Donations welcome

5:00-9:00 pm **Food and Drink in Irish Myth and Song**

Please join the Sole Dinner Club (Chef/Caterer Richard Witting) for an evening of food, music, drink, and story that will transport you through the mist of time to the emerald isle of Inisfaíl (Ireland). This dinner will be a five course meal with accompanying drink

pairings. Each course will manifest a different myth or song, drawing on historic and archeological sources blended with invention, creativity, and humor. Accompanying this meal will be live music, song and story, creating a unique and immersive dinner experience. Guest performers and speakers will include Robert Resnik, Marty Morrissey, Patti Shannon, Shannon Adams, Mica McDonald, Vanessa Mazur, and more...

Location: Winooski. Admission: \$85 all-inclusive for meal, drink, and entertainment. Reservations required. Contact Richard Witting at [Isolatedinnerclub@gmail.com](mailto:Isolatedinnerclub@gmail.com) or 802-233-8604 for location and to purchase tickets.

## sunday, march 15

1:00-3:00 pm **Burlington Irish Heritage Festival Ceili**



The annual Festival Ceili, co-sponsored with Young Tradition Vermont, is fun for the whole family with Irish step dancing and some fine traditional musicians. Hear fiddles and flutes, Irish pipes and penny-whistles; and the bodhrán, an Irish frame drum. This music session will be hosted by Young Tradition Vermont with others, featur-

ing the finale of the YTV Fiddleheads residency. Area musicians are welcome to bring their instruments and join in for a lively seison. Bake sale; display tables with information on Irish language, culture and other events. Members of the McFadden Academy of Irish Dance will perform and also lead audience participation in Ceili dances. Grand Prize drawing for 'Luck of the Irish' raffle (and other prize drawings) at the end of the Ceili.

Location: Contois Auditorium, City Hall, 149 Church St., Burlington

Admission: Free! Donations welcome

## tuesday, march 17

6:30 - 8:00 pm Film: **"I Am Patrick"**

"I Am Patrick" is a feature-length docudrama that peels back centuries of legend and myth to tell the true story of Saint Patrick. Through historical re-enactments, expert interviews, and Patrick's own writings, experience the journey from man to saint.

Location: Palace 9 Cinemas, 17 Reel Rd, South Burlington, VT 05403

Admission: \$11.50 [www.palace9.com](http://www.palace9.com)

## friday, march 20

7:30 pm Concert: **The Harmony - The History - The Hits: Celtic Woman**

Celtic Woman is thrilled to be celebrating 15 phenomenal years of music-making this year. They are recognized as the most successful all-female group in Irish history.

Location: Flynn Theater, 153 Main St., Burlington

Admission: \$45.50 - \$161.25 [www.flynnix.org](http://www.flynnix.org)

## friday, march 27

8:00 pm **UVM Celtic Cats Showcase & Ceili**

The Celtic Cats' (UVM Irish Step Dance Club) St. Patrick's Ceili is UVM's premier Irish cultural event. It is the only strictly Irish event on campus each year. There will be performances by the UVM Celtic Cats and guests, as well as participatory Ceili dances where everything you need to know will be taught! Bring your appetite for the Irish-themed bake sale.

Location: Dance Studio, Patrick Gym, 97 Spear St., UVM Campus, Burlington. For information, visit Facebook or contact [uvmcelticcats@gmail.com](mailto:uvmcelticcats@gmail.com).

Admission: \$5 admission for children under 10 or with a UVM, St. Michael's, Champlain or Middlebury affiliate ID; \$7 for the general public.