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2019 GRAND PRIZE
8 Day (6 Nights) Vacation for 2 to Ireland

The package includes airfare, car rental, and six nights hotel accommodation with a full Irish breakfast. See our website for terms and conditions. The raffle drawing will be at the Festival Ceili on Sunday, March 17, but you need not be present to win. Tickets are \$10 each or \$90 for a book of 10. You may order your tickets before the Festival from Info@BurlingtonIrishHeritage.org. Tickets will also be available at all 2019 BIHF Festival events until all are sold.

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A Hundred Thousand Welcomes!

Greetings and welcome to the 2019 Burlington Irish Heritage Festival! In the domains of music, dance, poetry, art, and history, we once again bring the best of Irish and Irish-American culture to Burlington in the otherwise gloomy month of March. You will have the opportunity to revel in the performances of renowned musicians, dancers, artists, poets and historians. In addition, the BIHF Committee made a conscious decision to offer workshops for those interested in a more participatory event. Always wanted to play the tin whistle? Check. Want to get in touch with your inner Irish dancer when the music starts, but you're not sure your knees want to play along? Come out to the Richmond Public Library for the sean-nós ("old style") workshop on Saturday March 2nd. Are you enamored of what the Irish have done with the English language? We have designed an afternoon of poetry recitation by acclaimed poets, and opened up the event to include local high school students who have committed a favorite Irish poem to memory. With a mix of the familiar and the new, there are far too many stellar opportunities to list in this greeting. Pour yourself a cup of tea, open the brochure and spend the afternoon planning your March adventures.

We thank our loyal and generous sponsors and partners for making the 2019 Festival possible. Vermont Gatherings, sponsors of the Winter Renaissance Faire (February 23-24), have graciously accommodated our booth at the Fairgrounds in Essex. We are grateful to the Fletcher Free Library, which hosts, free of charge, many of our events, as well as the Vermont Genealogy Library. Our partnership with Young Tradition Vermont sustains and inspires us. Bob Pierce of Bob's Awesome Books designed the layout of this beautiful brochure. We ask that you show your appreciation of the following sponsors with your patronage: Hill Attorney; Michael O'Dowd of KW Vermont Realty; and Wild West Irish Tours.

2019 marks our twenty-fourth festival. For an all-volunteer organization, that is no small feat. This year's committee would like to extend our deep gratitude to Elizabeth O'Dowd. The 2019 BIHF Committee dedicates the 2019 Burlington Irish Heritage Festival to Elizabeth in honor of her past seven years as president, and for her continued mentoring and contribution. We ask that when you see Elizabeth at events this March, you thank her from the bottom of your Irish hearts. We do.

2019 FESTIVAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Ruth M. Murphy, *president*; Elizabeth Hunt Schwartz, *vice-president*; Jennifer Platten, *treasurer*; Mary Jo McCarthy, *publicist*; Elizabeth O'Dowd, *secretary and mentor*; Margie Vagt, *social media*, and Rob Hale, *webmaster*.
Members at large include Peter Keating, Michael O'Dowd, Jim Shields, Mairéad Shields, Margaret Harrington Tamulonis, Kathleen Crosby Thornton and Jim Thornton.

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saturday, march 2

5:00-6:30 pm **Sean-Nós Dance Workshop**



Yasi Zeichner will teach some basic sean-nós dance steps that you can pull out at any Irish session! One of the oldest styles of Irish step dance, sean-nós encourages the dancer to interpret the tunes with their feet. This workshop will give you tools to create your own steps. Bring smooth-soled shoes with a medium heel. Live music at

this workshop will be provided by Oliver and Loui Zeichner. The Zeichner Trio, a sibling band, hails from Northfield, Vermont.

Location: Richmond Free Library, Community Room, 201 Bridge St, Richmond, VT
Suggested Donation \$15

sunday, march 3 & all sundays (ongoing)

1:00-4:00 pm **Irish Language Classes**

Irish language classes meet each Sunday. Study materials and instruction provided free; no age limit for those interested. Beginners 1:00-2:00 pm; Intermediate: 2:00-4:00 pm. Contact Liam McKone at vfienian@gmail.com for further information.

Location: *Rí Rá Irish Pub and Restaurant, Whiskey Room, 123 Church St., Burlington (enter from Church Street through pub and restaurant)* Admission: Free! Donations welcome

sunday, march 3

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

An afternoon of live traditional Irish music (by Denise Dean and friends) and dance, this ceili (community celebration) will feature the traditional social dances of Ireland, along with a few special performances. Dances will be taught on the day and all are welcome to participate! Neither experience nor 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., Richmond
Suggested donation: \$8 Individual, \$5 Student/Senior, \$20 Family

wednesday, march 6

6:30-8:00 pm Presentation: **"The Good Friday Agreement: Past, Present and Future" - Fionnuala Quinlan, Consul General of Ireland**

Fionnuala Quinlan, Consul General of Ireland for New England, is delighted to visit the 2019 Burlington Irish Heritage Festival. Consul General Quinlan will speak on the history and context of the Good Friday Agreement. The Consul General will also explore the current issue of Brexit and how it impacts Ireland.

Location: Fletcher Free Library, 235 College St., Burlington. Room TBA; see BIHF website
Admission: Free! Donations welcome.

thursday, march 7 (1st and 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

friday, march 8

6:00-8:00 pm **Rowan**

An evening of music in Williston's iconic Old Brick Church. Rowan is a Celtic and Traditional folk band from Vermont. For info <https://www.thebandrowan.com/>

Location: 100 Library Lane, Williston

saturday, march 9

12:00-1:30 pm Presentation: **"John J. Burns: Burlington's Irish-born Mayor" - Vince Feeney**



"Johnny" Burns, as he was popularly known, was one of the most interesting individuals ever to serve as Burlington's mayor. He was a member of the pioneering generation of American aviators and helped establish the Burlington airport. An avid sportsman and superb athlete, he might have played major league baseball but for the outbreak of WW I. As mayor he strongly advocated for the beautification of the city's waterfront and led the Queen City through the challenging years of WW II. Vince Feeney is a local author, scholar

and historian with a keen interest in the role of the Irish in Vermont. Vince was one of the original founders of the Burlington Irish Heritage Festival.

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

sunday, march 10

2:00 - 3:30 pm **Irish Poetry Reading**

A celebration of the beautiful tradition of Irish poetry. Angela Patten, a Dublin-born thrice published poet and Bill Drislane, singer, songwriter, poet and storyteller, will lead a poetry workshop and reading. Learn about the tradition of Irish poetry and then read or listen to the poetry of Ireland. If you would like to read, use this form to register: <https://bit.ly/2WCCcES>.

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

8:30-9:30 pm **O'hAnleigh**



Kick off St. Pat's with O'hAnleigh at Radio Bean. Vermont's O'hAnleigh (Tom Hanley, Becca Hanley, Doug Riley and Cindy Hill) bring the traditions of Irish immigrant culture, history, literature and music to life with dynamic performances including toe-tapping sing-along pub favorites, haunting ballads, sizzling fiddle tunes, and original songs based on Irish myths and legends.

Location: Radio Bean, 8 North Winooski Ave., Burlington Admission: Free!

Radio Bean hosts an Irish Music Open Session every Wednesday at 7:00pm

monday, march 11

6:00-7:00 pm **Photo Exhibit: "Ireland in Words, Images and Music"**

The Community College of Vermont's (CCV) fall 2018 class with Peter Keating culminated in a 10-day January trip to Ireland. The 14 students, along with CCV faculty and staff, documented their trip highlights in hundreds of photographs, now consolidated into an exhibit of 20. Come and enjoy the photos, meet some of the students and enjoy a brief reception with CCV staff, students and guests. The exhibit is expected to hang for two weeks.

Location: 1 Abenaki Way, Winooski Admission: Free! Donations welcome

tuesday, march 12

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

wednesday, march 13

4:00-5:00 pm Presentation: **"The Life of the Mind in Ireland: How a Small Island Made a Big Splash" - Patrick Standen**



After the publication of his best-seller 'How the Irish Saved Civilization,' Thomas Cahill sparked a debate about Ireland's singular impact on our intellectual heritage. Did he go far enough? Irish monks helped preserve civilization, but Ireland's poets, writers, playwrights, philosophers, and scientists were central in the development of many ideas we understand as crucial to that intellectual heritage. Saint Michael's College professor, Patrick Standen's lecture will delve into this rich intellectual tradition.

Location: Saint Michael's College, 1 Winooski Ave., Colchester. Room TBA (See BIHF website)
Admission: Free!

7:00-10:00 pm **The County Down**



Reagh Greenleaf Jr. (vocals, bodhrán) and Dan Brown (vocals, guitar) play a fun mix of traditional Irish pub songs and ballads, with a healthy dose of country-folk, jam and world music. Dancing and singing along highly encouraged! They are headlining the 3rd annual Killington Irish Festival, and have performed regularly at Rí Rá Burlington.

Location: Rí Rá Irish Pub and Restaurant, (center stage), 123 Church St., Burlington
Admission: Free!

saturday, march 16

10:00-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: Youth Library (downstairs), 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: Youth Library (downstairs), Fletcher Free Library, 235 College St., Burlington.
Admission: Free! Donations welcome

10:30-noon Presentation: **"Bright Vision: How Blind Musicians Became the Royalty of Irish Music" - Benedict Koehler and Hilari Farrington**



If you simply shut your eyes, you can begin to understand how the lack of sight can intensify your appreciation of sound, and of music in particular. In many cultures, including in Ireland, blind children were trained as musicians. Why this was, and who some of these musicians were, will be the subject of this lively talk and concert. 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: \$8 suggested donation

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. Tin whistles available for \$15.

Location: Pickering Room, Fletcher Free Library, 235 College St., Burlington
Admission: \$5 suggested donation for children and youth, \$8 for adults.

sunday, march 17

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

'Ceili' is the Irish word for a music, dancing, hand-clapping good time! 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 pennywhistles; and the bodhran, an Irish frame drum. This music session will be hosted by Sarah King and Yasi Zeichner (from Young Tradition Vermont) with others, featuring the finale of the YTV Fiddleheads residency. Area musicians are welcome to bring their instruments and join in for a lively seisiún. 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 at the end of the Ceili.

Location: Contois Auditorium, City Hall, 149 Church St., Burlington
Admission: Free! Donations welcome

monday, march 18

7:00-9:30 pm Concert: **The Green Fields of America: 40th Anniversary**



40th Anniversary Concert by the Green Fields of America featuring Mick Moloney, Brenda Castles, Athena Tergis, Billy McComiskey, Liz Hanley and Niall O'Leary. Presented by Young Tradition Vermont for the Burlington Irish Heritage Festival. The Green Fields of America was formed in 1978 in Philadelphia

by musician and folklorist Mick Moloney at the request of the Smithsonian Institution, to showcase some of Irish America's finest musicians and dancers. This was the first group on either side of the Atlantic to bring together Irish vocal, instrumental, and dance traditions on the concert and festival stage, revealing a hidden Irish America. For more information: <https://youngtraditionvermont.org/events/green-fields-of-america/>
Location: Flynn Space, 147 Main St., Burlington Admission: \$30 Advance/\$32 Day of Show. Tickets on sale now at the Flynn Box Office 86FLYNN or www.flynnntix.org

friday, march 22

7:30 pm **UVM Celtic Cats Showcase & Ceili**

The Celtic Cats (UVM Irish Step Dance Club) will perform recent and varied pieces, followed by the Ceili. The Celtic Cats 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 we will teach you everything you need to know! Irish themed refreshments will also be provided so bring your appetite.

Location: Dance Studio, Patrick Gym, 97 Spear St., UVM Campus, Burlington. Parking at Gutterson Garage (free). For information, visit Facebook or contact 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.

monday, march 25

7:00 pm **College Age Irish Musicians**

Young (late teens, early 20s) college-age musicians who play traditional Irish music — musicians from away living and studying in Vermont, and musicians living and working in the Burlington area who play traditional Irish music. Fiddlers, accordion players, pipers, harpists, flute players, guitarists, and more. Each musician will play something on their own early in the evening, and join in a session with all musicians later in the evening. Presented by Young Tradition Vermont for the Burlington Irish Heritage Festival. For more information: mark.sustic@gmail.com

Location: Amy E. Tarrant Gallery at the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, 153 Main St., Burlington Donations accepted at the door.