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## 2005 Holiday Folk Fair: The Sounds of Culture

Visit Ireland, and you may be struck by the sounds of the land. Each country, the world over, seems to have its own timbre and tone, songs and tunes, cadence and response. Ireland's is unique. From the lasting strength of traditional music to the pounding of feet on a stage, to the slight lowing of cows in the field, there is a sense about the land that is unlike anyplace else on earth.

Milwaukee Holiday Folk Fair 2005 will take place November 18-20 at Wisconsin State Fair Park. The theme for this year is The Sounds of Culture, the joyful noise that a country emits to the trained and untrained ear. The Shamrock Club will again be involved in the Cultural, Sales and Food areas of the Fair. The area chairs will be Marianne Fisher in Cultural, Noreen Barclay in Sales and Kris and Daryl Pluskota in Food. Our general chair is Kris Pluskota. General Folk Fair chair is Cate Harris.

Shamrock Club members will be decorating the Irish cottage using the theme of the festival. The Club will also be getting a Christmas tree to decorate. All of the old ornaments that get stored away each year will be taken out and hung anew, for the enjoyment of all. Setup will be Thursday afternoon. Cashel Dennehy Adult dancers will be performing, as will the Glencastle School dancers.

At the Holiday Folk Fair, you can travel across the world without ever leaving Milwaukee. There are a number of highlights, including:

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- World Café – An assortment of time honored recipes passed down through generations will introduce you to distinct and extraordinary flavors that will certainly awaken your taste buds.

- Coffee House – Take a break in a comforting atmosphere where you can relax with friends and family and listen to music of the world while enjoying Italian biscotti or homemade Scottish scones along with a cup of coffee, tea, or espresso.

- All Nations Theater – Live performances featuring dynamic African drums, Russian balalaikas, the colorful Ukrainian national hopak dance, the Scottish fling and the vibrant Spanish flamencos.

The Holiday Folk Fair is open during the following times: Friday, 3–10 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.–10 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

The Shamrock Club is in need of volunteer help in a number of areas. If you would like to work at the 2005 Holiday Folk Fair, please contact the Shamrock Club's Holiday Folk Fair Chairs: (Food) Kris and Daryl Pluskota, (414) 768-8876, e-mail [dkplus@tds.net]; (Sales) Noreen Barclay, (262) 695-8563, e-mail [nabarclay@earthlink.net]; and (Cultural) Marianne Fisher, e-mail [mmikush@mccbsa.org] or (414) 443-2870.

So what are these sounds of culture? Walk along a beach in western or southern Ireland, and listen to the crash of the waves, the call of the sea birds, and the whistling of the wind. In Ireland's cities, you will hear the honking of the car horns, slightly higher pitched than what one encounters on American streets. If one stops into a pub, the voices of many patrons will be heard using all sorts of vulgarities, dropping off the tongue like raindrops from a tree. Or, if you happen upon the many dairy farms in the country, you will hear the mooing of the cows producing the festival's featured beverage – milk.

If you stop in the Gaeltacht, you will hear the Irish language being spoken. Even if you don't understand it, the rolling of the words sound like the lyrics of a song. The language, one of the grandfather tongues of Europe, almost died out in the past century. However, if not for the work of Douglas Hyde and Eoin MacNeill in founding the Gaelic League in 1893, the erosion of the language might have been all the greater. Hyde, the son of a Roscommon minister, felt that Tir gan teanga, tir gan anam, or a land without a language, is a land without a soul.

At a conference of the Gaelic League branches in 1896 the League decided to hold an oireachtas, or public assembly, on behalf of the Irish Language. An tOireachtas was held for the first time on May 17, 1897, in Dublin. The program included harp and pipe solos, the recitation of “a Gaelic ode on the Oireachtas” specially written by Dr. Douglas Hyde, the recital of prize poems, and an address in Irish by Dr. Hyde. These events grew into the Gaelic Athletic Association, the All-Ireland music competitions, and the dance competitions. Today, they are symbols of what people think of when they imagine Ireland.

The sounds of a culture do grow out of the language, and the language grows out of the land. Join us for the celebration of both the country and the language.

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# **2005 HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR ADVANCE SALE TICKETS**

**November 18, 19, 20, 2005**

The Shamrock Club must sell 125 Holiday Folk Fair Tickets  
Any unsold tickets must be purchased by the club at full value.  
Advance Sales Tickets: \$7 / At the Door: \$9

To Order, mail your request to:

Muriel Crowley  
1020 Georges Ave.  
Brookfield, WI 53045

Include your name, address, number of tickets (at \$7 each)  
and a check made payable to the Shamrock Club of  
Wisconsin.

Tickets will be sent to you by return mail and are good on any  
of the three days of Folk Fair.

**HELP US MEET OUR GOAL!**

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# **Shamrock Club**

# Needs Help at Folk Fair

The Shamrock Club will again be a part of the Holiday Folk Fair at State Fair Park, November 18-20, 2005. We will have representation in the Cultural, Sales and Food areas. If you would like to volunteer for one or all of these areas, please contact Kris Pluskota at (414) 768-8876.

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## Rock County

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- NOVEMBER 15 – 7 p.m. Regular Meeting.
- DECEMBER – Meeting or Christmas Party – Up in the air!! Watch Emerald Reflections next month for all the details. By then all of the plans should be made.

At our September Board Meeting, it was discussed and decided that our club will discontinue our Wisconsin Highway Cleanup project. We have had a section of Highway 81, west of Beloit, ever since the State of Wisconsin began this project about 13 years ago. All of our members are getting older and for the past three years, Marge Reed has been the chairperson and it has been her children and grandchildren who have been cleaning that section of highway. Thank you, Marge and your family. And to all of the club members and their families who have helped on this project over the years, thanks for all of your help. Jim Mackey and I never told any of the ladies about the big snake we saw slithering along in the ditch, the first day we started this project.

At the time of this writing, our plans for December are still not finalized. It was discussed, at the September meeting, as to whether we should have a Christmas Party in December or a Valentine's Party in February. There are so many things going on in December. Be sure to read the December issue of Emerald Reflections for our Party plans and meeting dates.

At our November meeting, we will have a Barbershop Quartet for the program. Come and enjoy this fine group.

– **President Tom Kennedy**

## **Shamrock Club of Green Bay and Northeast Wisconsin**

The list of new officers for the 2005-2006 club year for the Shamrock Club of Green Bay and Northeast Wisconsin:

President: Mike Trulley  
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Vice President: Barbara Basche  
basche28@hotmail.com

Treasurer: Sue Whitney  
sney58@aol.com

Secretary: Arelene Malone  
leoarlmalone@aol.com

Membership Chair: Kate Sabel  
peteleads@aol.com

Sgt.-At-Arms: Leo Malone  
leoarlmalone@aol.com

Parliamentarian: Bob Flatley

Trustee 1: Mugs Cygan

Trustee 2: Kay Danen  
kdanen@new.rr.com

## **New Dublin**

The Shamrock Club of New Dublin has announced its tentative schedule of events for 2006.

The fun begins March 13 with the changing of the town's name from New London to New Dublin.

March 14 is HOOLIGAN DAY. Corned Beef and Cabbage served at Pup's Irish Pub, Hwy 54 in North Dublin and Sommer's Midtown, Downtown New Dublin as well as many other fine establishments in New Dublin.

March 15 has Irish caroling.

On March 16 there is Irish Entertainment at New London Sr. High School auditorium at 7 p.m. Talented artists of New Dublin present an evening of Irish entertainment featuring songs, dances and humor of Ireland. Introduction of the 2005 Irishman and Irish Rose, Grand Marshal, and the Irish Lad and Lassie.

March 17 is our reenactment of Finnegans Wake.

The week culminates on March 18 —The Grand Parade and Irishfest. 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.— Irishfest under the Big Top in Festival Foods Parking lot, Downtown New Dublin.

The Shamrock Club of New Dublin meets each month on the second Monday at Pups in New London.

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## **Milwaukee President's Message**

We now welcome the month of November and all it brings to us. What might that be you ask? We have come to the month of Thanksgiving, and the wonderful Holiday Folk Fair. You are asked to please join the many volunteers needed to help with the various parts of the Folk Fair. Whether your talent is shining in the food booth, dazzling the customers in the retail area, or amazing the customers with your vast knowledge in the cultural area, please join in this annual event. Kris and Daryl Pluskota are the General Chair people, and would welcome your presence. This event is one of our main fund raisers, and is an opportunity for new members to acquaint themselves with others in the Club. The main chairperson of this entire event is the Shamrock Club's own Cate Harris. Cate is the liaison with the International Institute's Board of Directors and asks for the cooperation of all the ethnic groups appearing at the Folk Fair.

Our annual Honoree Dinner and anniversary dinner at Serb Hall on October 2nd was very well done, as always. Kris Pluskota, Dawn Fleming and Kathy Donovan added to the beauty and solemnity of the evening with the well-planned menu and wonderful décor. Our Irish Rose Noreen Barclay and Irishman Ed Mikush looked as though they had stepped from fashion magazines, as did our Parade Marshal Richard Stover. It was fun to see all the socializing and dancing, and if

you were able to attend, we thank you for doing so.

We are sorry to announce that our treasurer Vince Agnew has resigned for personal reasons, but will remain active in the club. Marianne Fisher has stepped forward and agreed to become the Interim Treasurer. Marianne served in this same capacity some years ago, and has many years of experience as an Accountant with the Boy Scouts. My personal thanks to her for filling such a vital role for our Club.

We want to announce that our November meeting will be held at the Irish Fest Center at 1532 Wauwatosa Avenue, Wauwatosa. The 7 p.m. start time remains the same. We will have information for you at this meeting regarding our Christmas party in December.

You will be required to sign up for the party in advance as we did last year, but this year we are asking you to participate in the party as a pot luck dinner. The Club will provide the meat, and beverages, and we ask the members to bring their great food items or desserts. The location of this event is to be determined.

See you at the next meeting.

– **Julie Smith, President**

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### **December Meeting To move**

Milwaukee's annual Christmas party will be moving to another site in order to accomodate all members. This year, the party will be going back to being a potluck dinner, with the Club providing beverages and meat, with members asked to bring another dish. Details will be included in the December Reflections, as well as announced at the November meeting.

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### **UW-Milw. to Offer Overseas Opportunities**

Before the dark nights and wintry days are upon us, it's time to think about wonderful study abroad opportunities for 2006.

Celtic Studies offers our regular and very popular semester and summer programs. For 2006, we're also offering two pretty exciting winterim programs.

### **Colmcille Study Abroad Program**

Glencolmcille, Republic of Ireland and Derry, Northern Ireland. Approximate dates: January 14 through May 6, 2006, 16 credit, spring semester only.

From Medieval times to the present, Ireland has inspired writers, fascinated visitors, and beguiled the uninitiated with its captivating countryside, its wealth of music, art, and architecture, its lifestyle and history—an ideal destination for an in-depth cultural experience! As a participant on the Colmcille Semester you will experience the life and culture of two very different places on the Irish landscape. Coursework emphasizes Irish language and culture and Peace and Conflict Studies with additional modules in Ethnic Studies (i.e., folklore, archeology, and popular culture).

This English-speaking, semester-long study abroad program is divided into modules of varying duration between Glencolmcille – a small coastal valley community in the Donegal Highlands in the Northwest corner of the Republic of Ireland, and at the University of Ulster, Magee College, Derry – the second largest city of Northern Ireland, United Kingdom. These program sites are selected to allow for an exceptional range of study options which include opportunities for internship, fieldwork, applied history workshops and independent research.

All participants partake in an intensive Irish language course at a premiere language institute in County Donegal. The majority of time is spent studying a range of topics at Magee College in Derry, side-by-side with local students. Throughout the semester students explore different aspects of Ireland's history and culture leading to four credits of Ethnic Studies under the supervision of a UWM faculty member.

For more information, contact: (<http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/CIE/OP/programs.shtml>). General Email inquiries: ([overseas@uwm.edu](mailto:overseas@uwm.edu)).

In July 2006 our six credit, three week sojourn in Glen Colmcille, County Donegal, will again be offered.

### **Winterims**

This coming January we offer two newly created programs. One in Edinburgh, Scotland and one based in Dublin and including visits to Galway and Sligo.

**Women in the Big House:** January 8-21, 2006. Faculty Leaders: Kathy Callahan (callahan@uwm.edu) and Nancy Walczyk (nwalczyk@uwm.edu).

Overview: This course will explore the history and literature associated with the Big Houses of Britain and the women who resided in them. Dalkeith House (former residence of King James VI) located near Edinburgh will be our home for two weeks in Scotland. In addition to daily lectures we will tour the homes of Mary Queen of Scots, visit several museums, and take in the cultural life of Scotland's capital city.

**Contemporary Theatre in Ireland:** January 3-20, 2006. Faculty Leaders: John Gleeson (gleeson@uwm.edu) and Raeleen McMillion (rtwrae@uwm.edu).

Overview: For a country of its size and population Ireland has contributed more than any other to the exciting world of theatre. Writers like Sean O'Cassey, Geogre Bernard Shaw, Oscar Wilde, Sam Beckett, Matin McDonagh, William Butler Yeats, and Marina Carr immediately come to mind. Students on this program will enjoy performances of the best of Irish drama and music including The Abbey, Gate and Druid Theatres. They will attend the Irish premiere of /Nickeled and Dimed/ by our own UWM Theatre Company. Highlights will include Dublin literary pub crawl and backstage theatre visits, the oldest building in Europe in Newgrange, the homes of Oscar Wilde and George Bernard Shaw, the arts and culture of Galway city, William Butler Yeates Land of Hearts Desire in County Sligo, the Seven Wonders of Fore, and receptions with Irish government officials.

For further information on these and other programs, contact the Center for International Education, Pierce Hall 166 - 229-5182 or Center for Celtic Studies, Holton Hall 290 - 229-2608.

– John Gleeson

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## **Fall 2005 Hallamor Concert Series**

**Sheehan, Patterson, Willis  
Saturday, November 5, 2005**

Irish tenor Ciarán Sheehan hails from Dublin. In addition to entertaining on Broadway, Ciarán has been a soloist for presidents in both the United States and Ireland as well as for the Memorial Mass for John F. Kennedy. Accompanying him is pianist Eily O'Grady Patterson, widow of famous Irish tenor, Frank Patterson. She has performed extensively worldwide and is founder and director of the Gaelic Singers of New York and the Eily O'Grady Irish Harp Orchestra. Award winning star of Broadway, soprano Gay Willis joins Ciarán and Eily on their return to the ICHC after an extremely well received concert last year. Gay and Ciarán have performed in Phantom of the Opera together and are preparing for a Carnegie Hall Christmas show, which Eily is producing.

Tickets: \$19 advance, \$21 day of concert

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### **Shalom Ireland Saturday, November 26, 2005**

See the film Shalom Ireland, produced by Valerie Lapin – a beautiful portrayal of the small but vibrant Jewish Community in Ireland. The film will be followed with music from the group Slainte-L'Chayim. This multi talented group brings together some of the finest musicians from Milwaukee's Irish and Jewish community. With a rousing mix of Irish and Klezmer music, Slainte-L'Chayim performs a wide range of music, from soulful songs to foot-tapping reels. Cantor David Barash, Irish traditional dancers and bagpipers will add to this educational and entertaining evening.

Tickets: \$17 advance, \$19 day of concert

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8 pm both Concerts

Doors open at 6:45 with a brief opening act at 7 pm

– Gwen Sisk

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## **Nominations For Irish Honorees**

Nominations for the Irishman of the Year, Irish Rose, and Parade Marshal are now being taken. Elections will take place

at the Milwaukee January board meeting. Each nominee must be a club member to be eligible. Take the time to do this and be sure it's here on time. We will start the meeting at 6 p.m. that night, and will accept any written nomination up to January 20. Send nominations to Shamrock Club, 2133 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233.

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### **Young Members**

Congratulations to Erin Canon for taking first place in Preliminary Champoinships at the recent Minnesota Feis. Erin is now qualified to compete at the Open Championship level, the highest level of Irish Dancing. Erin dances for the Kinsella Academy of Irish Dance. She also received a first place in her Irish harp competition.

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### **Celtic Women: First Friday Lectures**

**November 4, 2005**

**Topic: Cape Breton Music**

**Speaker: Kaitlin Hahn**

Kaitlin is a Celtic Studies student at UWM; she won a Shamrock Club scholarship to continue a study that she began in 2004 at Cape Breton. She has taken fiddle and piano lessons at the Gaelic College of Arts & Crafts; she has studied with Buddy MacMaster, and interviewed him and other musicians for a comparative study of their different generations, how they learn and teach music. She is part of the band Bantry Bay and her debut album "Nice to Meet You" is available.

Lectures are held from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at the ICHC, 2133 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee. Admission is \$5 for all. Everyone is welcome including men and non-members as well as Celtic Women members. Tea and biscuits are served. Please join us for a delightful few hours of Celtic education and entertainment. You may call the ICHC at 414-345-8800 for more information.

Parking Note: Please observe the parking areas surrounding the ICHC and follow the posted signs designating the lots where parking is allowed for the ICHC. Thank you.

– Jean Bills

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## **Second Annual Shamrock Sprint**

Run directors Tim O'Brien and Donna Johnson are lining up a new sponsor for the Shamrock Sprint, which will be held on Milwaukee's Parade Day. More details will be announced as they are known.

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## **St. Patrick's Help Fund**

St. Patrick's Help Fund is in desperate need of non-perishable foods. Please place in container at each meeting. However, donations can be brought to the ICHC any time during the week. Questions? Call Katy Voss (414) 352-6479.

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## **New Members**

NOTE: Please send your dues to your Membership Chairperson in your chapter. All names and addresses are listed in Emerald Reflections.

Milwaukee – Bessie McFadden; Catherine Woodruff.

### **Membership Report Milwaukee Chapter:**

- Aug: 94 memberships up for renewal, 21 single members did not renew, 4 families did not renew.
- Sept.: 35 memberships due for renewal, 3 single / 6 families did not renew.

- Oct.: 36 memberships up for renewal.

### **Membership 2004**

One year ago August, our membership was:

Single Memberships: 327

Family Memberships: 244

### **Membership 2005**

As of September:

Single Memberships: 256

Family Memberships: 209

Single memberships down by 71

Family memberships down by 35

– **Tom Smith**

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