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President's Notes

This summer passed quickly, didn't it?

Our 27th season started off with the High Kings at Hoyt Sherman on August 2. The band flew in from Ireland just for the weekend and gave a rousing performance to showcase their Decade album, which included many, many songs that we all know and love. They moved on to Waterloo to entertain at the Iowa Irish Fest before heading home, merely five days after landing in Des Moines.

The Board is already busy at work on our next few events. We will be in the Beaverdale Fall Fest Parade on September 15, and we will be at the Des Moines Farmers' Market on September 22.

In mere days, we will be hosting the Fitzgeralds from the Ottawa Valley in Canada. They will be here in Des Moines for the entire weekend. This family band brings incredible energy, musicianship and dancing to the stage.

First, the Fitzgeralds will be playing a concert hosted by the Celtic Music Association at Holy Trinity on Saturday, October 6.

Then, Iowa Irish (as part of the Foy School of Dance) will host the Fitzgeralds to give workshops and to host a ceili at Holy Trinity on Sunday, October 7. See elsewhere in this newsletter for details.

You can get the Saturday concert tickets for the Fitzgeralds at our ticket outlets noted in this newsletter, or visit our website www.thecma.org

President's Notes continued

to purchase single tickets as well as season tickets through the website. The Season tickets are available for \$90 for the four concerts. This deal can't be beat.

Now that the dog days of summer are waning, there are those of us who can't wait to shout it out to the world... Bring on Autumn! Bring on the Fitzgeralds!

We hope to see you there!

Slainte, Brian Smith, President



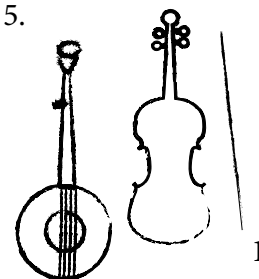
The Fitzgeralds - October 6, 2018 - Holy Trinity Hall
Connla - January 12, 2019 - Holy Trinity Hall
Eileen Ivers - February 9, 2019 - Hoyt Sherman Auditorium
JigJam - March 9, 2019 - Holy Trinity Hall

All concerts start at 8:00 p.m. Doors open at 7:00 p.m.
Holy Trinity Hall: 2926 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, IA
Hoyt Sherman Auditorium: 1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines, IA
www.facebook.com/celticmusicassociation, www.thecma.org



Get your Celtic Music Association 2018-2019 Season Tickets Now!

Purchase all four concert tickets for only \$90. Regular season ticket prices are \$25 in advance, or \$30 at the door for Holy Trinity concerts. \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door for Hoyt Sherman concerts. Season ticket packets can be purchased from CMA board members, at Eventbrite on the CMA website www.thecma.org and at Holy Trinity Church office. This offer will only be available until October 5.



The Fitzgeralds to Perform Season Opener - October 6, 2018



MMeet the Fitzgeralds: a family group consisting of fiddling and step dancing siblings – Tom, Kerry & Julie Fitzgerald. These siblings, from just outside of Canada's renowned Ottawa Valley, have come a long way from their small town roots. Featuring three-time Canadian Grandmaster Fiddle Champions and Ontario Open Step Dance Champions, this unique act features high-energy fiddling and mind-blowing step dancing. It is the rare combination of exceptional musicianship, incomparable step dancing, audience interaction, evident love of performing, and genuine sibling connection that resonates with audiences of all ages and sets this group apart.

The Fitzgerald siblings were raised in a musical household, and toured internationally with their family band "Everything Fitz". Growing up in the Ottawa Valley, they were immersed in the rich tradition of Canadian Old Time fiddling and step dancing that evolved with the arrival of Irish, Scottish and French immigrants. Over time, they have developed their art form to include various styles of fiddle music including Celtic, jazz, bluegrass, French-Canadian, and pop. They have also explored other dance forms including tap and Irish. The siblings continue to push boundaries by fusing traditional and modern styles of fiddle and dance to create their own unique sound and style. Their creativity and passion for experimentation has led them to compose original tunes and arrangements, some of which were released on their latest album. The result is a groovy and catchy new sound and look that appeals to all ages.

"The Fitzgeralds are standout musicians in our Canadian music industry...The caliber of musicianship is very high- I think together they are a beautiful blend of gorgeous fiddle music, and top rate, absolutely exhilarating dance routines."

-Natalie MacMaster, Cape Breton Fiddling Sensation



**September 15, 2018 -
Beaverdale Fall
Festival Parade
10:00 a.m.**

Beaverdale Fall Festival

Watch for the Celtic Music Association parade entry at the annual Beaverdale Fall Festival. The Iowa Scottish Pipes and Drums will be marching with us. Come to the parade because we will be handing out season postcards. Don't forget to get your season tickets, and remember you can also get them during regular office hours at Holy Trinity Parish office and on the CMA website through Eventbrite.



Virgil Kleinhesselink and Brian Smith lead the CMA group at the 2017 Fall Festival parade.

Come visit us at the Downtown Des Moines Farmers' Market on Saturday, September 22. We will have music and the Foy School of Irish Dance to entertain you!



Julie Leopold and Kim Glynn staff a table at downtown Farmers' Market.

The Fitzgeralds Ceili Event

Iowa Irish Inc. and the Foy School of Irish Dance is very excited to present a variety of Ottawa Style Step Dance Classes and Traditional Fiddle Workshops on Sunday, October 7, at Holy Trinity.
The instructors: The Fitzgeralds

Ottawa Style Step Dance Classes and Traditional Fiddle Workshops

Online registration details below. Each hour class: \$15.00.

Location: Holy Trinity Church and Parish Center
(2926 Beaver Ave, Des Moines.)

1:00-2:00pm Dance for Dancers: Canadian Style Step Dancing

Open to intermediate/advanced dancers of different genres (Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Modern, etc.) This is not a beginner level class.

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dance-for-dancers-canadian-style-step-dancing-open-to-all-ages-tickets-49834361918>

1:00-2:00pm Traditional Music: Fiddle Intermediate

(4+ years of classical training) This is not a beginner level class.

Class content: Fiddle Techniques, Fiddle Chops, Learning a tune by ear.

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/traditional-music-fiddle-intermediate-4-years-of-classical-training-tickets-49834442158>

2:15-3:15pm Traditional Music: Fiddle Master Class

(Adult/Advanced High School Students) This is not a beginner level class. **Class content:** Fiddle Techniques, Fiddle Chops, Learning a tune by ear. **Register:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/215-315-fiddle-master-class-adultadvanced-high-school-students-tickets-49834556500>

2:15-3:15pm Children: Dance Basics Canadian Step Dancing

Must be 6+years old to participate.

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/215-315-dance-basics-canadian-step-dancing-child-6-years-old-tickets-49834931622>

2:15-3:15pm Adult: Dance Basics Canadian Step Dancing

Must be 14+years old to participate. **Register:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/215-315p-dance-basics-canadian-step-dancing-adult-14yrs-tickets-49835101129>

The High Kings Performed August 2 at Hoyt Sherman



The High Kings, with CMA board members, after the August 2 concert.

Family Night with the Fitzgeralds! Irish House Party! 5:30-7:30pm

Celebrate traditional Irish arts and culture with an evening of song and dance. A cèilidh (Scottish Gaelic) or céilí (Irish pronunciation) will include a meal, group dancing, and fantastic music by the Fitzgeralds. Everyone needs a ticket. Free will offering for evening entertainment and meal.

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/evening-with-the-fitzgeralds-sunday-october-7th-tickets-49833934640>



Updated CMA Website - Buy Tickets Online thru Eventbrite

Many thanks to website designer Dan McCurley, who volunteered to help us with the new updated, revamped website. Be sure to check out all the new features. You can now use credit cards for ticket purchases through Eventbrite on the CMA website. There will be information about the bands, links to their YouTube videos, ticket sales, friends membership, and lots more. As we add more features we will keep you posted here and on Facebook. Contact Dan if you like his work at djmccurley@gmail.com and www.djmccurley.com.



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Please consider helping us bring quality Celtic music to the Des Moines area by becoming a friend of the Celtic Music Association. A \$25 membership fee will provide support to the organization; you will receive a 10% discount on available wearables, and be able to buy last-minute tickets at the door for \$25 or \$30 instead of \$30 or \$35. Memberships can be purchased at any time. For more information about the CMA memberships, contact us:

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Celtic Music in central Iowa!**

Ticket Outlets:

Celtic Music Association, (515) 771-2215, P. O. Box 30001,
Des Moines, IA 50310, www.thecma.org (check only)
Eventbrite, on CMA website (credit)
Holy Trinity Parish Office, (515) 255-3162, 2926 Beaver Ave.,
Des Moines (cash or check only)
Cooney's Tavern, (515) 255-5566, 3708 Beaver Ave., Des Moines
(cash or check only)
Up Tempo Music, (515) 277-1045, 2714 Beaver Ave., Des Moines,
www.uptempo-music.com (cash or check only)
Cindy's Boutique, (515) 274-0118, 114 5th St., Valley Junction,
W. Des Moines, www.cindysboutiquevj.com (cash or check only)
Hoyt Sherman Box Office, 1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines
(credit and debit cards) for March concert only
Ticketmaster, www.ticketmaster.com (credit and debit cards)
for Eileen Ivers concert only



**CMA hats available at Oct. 6
concert; in black and royal blue
with gold embroidery for \$15.
Look for additional new
products at the concert.**