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Message from the Honourable Gudie Hutchings Minister of Rural Economic Development and Minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

Message de l'honorable Gudie Hutchings Ministre du Développement économique rural et ministre responsable de l'Agence de promotion économique du Canada atlantique

Fáilte, Bienvenue, Pjila'si and Welcome!

In any language, Cape Breton is renowned for its welcoming people and outstanding hospitality, its magnificent mountains, beautiful beaches, and diverse and inclusive experiences.

Since 1997, Celtic Colours International Festival, set amidst the glorious autumn foliage, has been known as one of Canada's premier musical events and a cultural highlight of Nova Scotia's tourism season.

Tourism is key to Atlantic Canada's long-term prosperity and plays a vital role in all of our urban, rural, remote and Indigenous communities, large or small, right across the region. More than two million people visit Nova Scotia each year, making memories to be treasured for a lifetime.

At Celtic Colours, visitors delight in nine days and nights of music and dance as they explore every corner of Cape Breton, appreciate the Island's rich history and traditions, and enjoy the great outdoors and fantastic homestyle cooking.

This year's opening show, The Universal Language, features performances in the historic languages of Cape Breton, including Mi'kmaw, French, and Scottish Gaelic – as well as Irish, Welsh and Manx.

This is the kind of authentic experience that keeps people from near and far returning to our shores.

Enjoy the Ceilidh! • Sláinte mhath!

Fáilte, bienvenue, pjila'si et welcome!

Dans toutes les langues, le Cap-Breton est renommé pour ses gens accueillants, son hospitalité exceptionnelle, ses montagnes magnifiques, ses plages superbes ainsi que ses expériences diversifiées et inclusives.

Depuis 1997, le festival international Couleurs celtiques, ayant comme décor le splendide feuillage automnal, est reconnu comme l'un des évènements musicaux de premier plan au Canada et un moment culturel fort de la saison touristique néo-écossaise.

Le tourisme est essentiel à la prospérité à long terme du Canada atlantique et joue un rôle vital dans toutes les collectivités urbaines, rurales, isolées et autochtones, grandes ou petites, de toute la région. Chaque année, plus de deux millions de personnes visitent la Nouvelle-Écosse et créent des souvenirs dont ils se remémoreront pour le reste de leurs vies.

Au festival Couleurs celtiques, les visiteurs bénéficient de neuf jours et neuf nuits de musique et de danse pour explorer les moindres recoins du Cap-Breton, savourer la richesse de l'histoire et des traditions de l'île, profiter des grands espaces et déguster une formidable cuisine maison.

Le spectacle d'ouverture de cette année, The Universal Language, mette en vedette des prestations dans les langues historiques du Cap-Breton, soit le mi'kmaq, le français, et le gaélique d'Écosse, ainsi qu'en irlandais, en gallois et en manx.

C'est le genre d'expérience authentique qui fait revenir les gens d'ici et d'ailleurs sur nos rivages.

Profitez du ceilidh!



A Message from the Honourable Tim Houston, M.L.A. Premier

On behalf of the Government of Nova Scotia, welcome to the 2023 Celtic Colours International Festival.

I hope you have time to discover all that Cape Breton and Nova Scotia has to offer.

This festival is truly remarkable in the way it brings people together to celebrate what Cape Bretoners love most – hosting a great party and sharing in the joy of food, music, and dancing. I want to thank the festival organizers and volunteers for their hard work year–after–year.

And to those of you who have travelled to Cape Breton Island to join in the festival, thank you for being here! You are going to be amazed with the talent of our artists, the vibrancy of our culture and the beauty of our communities.

Enjoy the festival!

Yours truly,

Honourable Tim Houston, M.L.A. Premier

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CELTIC COLOURS 2023 OPENING CONCERT THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE





A GLANCE AT CELTIC COLOURS 2023 WITH

Artistic Director Dawn Beaton

Pjila'si! Fàilte! Bienvenue! Croeso cynnes! Welcome!

It feels appropriate to greet folks in many languages this year as language is a pivotal piece explored in the programming for 2023. Even having just a few phrases in a new language can mean so much in this diverse world. So, welcome! And hopefully many a "welcome back" as well to folks returning to our fair isle.

When UNESCO designated 2019 as the International Year for Indigenous Languages, it highlighted the quickly changing landscape for these languages and the potential for their imminent decline without intervention. One of the outcomes of this attention was the United Nations declaring 2022–2032 the International Decade of Indigenous Languages. How we think and act, what we value, and how we express ourselves are all directly tied to language. It is what we hear in our mind when we speak in our native language, and what is expressed in

song and all that songs inform musically. Look for various languages presented this year throughout the Festival, but most notably, in our opening show where we will hear Scottish Gaelic, Irish, Manx, Welsh, French, and Mi'kmaw. And, of course, there will be music, long considered to be the universal language of them all!

I don't want to take up too much of your time as we have concerts to get to, but maybe a quick chat to highlight a few key concerts. Cainnt is Ceathramhan: Language and Lyrics is a special show taking place on Monday at the Highland Arts Theatre in Sydney. Over the last four years, Mary Jane Lamond and Màiri Britton have put an immense amount of work into establishing a comprehensive database of Gaelic songs. Performers in this concert will dig in, learn, and present many new songs from this body of work, presented in the community the way Gaelic song is meant to be! Towards the end of the week, we'll celebrate three vital women (who happen to have the same name)

in the concert Rita! Rita! Rita!. On Friday evening at the Savoy Theatre, we'll reflect on the impacts Rita MacNeil, Sr. Rita Clare, and Dr. Rita Joe have had on our Island and beyond. Speaking of impacts, don't miss our tribute show to Betty Beaton on Wednesday at the Strathspey Performing Arts Centre in Mabou. Family and friends will take the day to celebrate Betty and the piano prowess she has graciously shared with us these many decades. And not to rush things, but make sure your schedule is cleared for our final concert when Cape Breton's daughter, Natalie MacMaster, returns home with husband Donnell, to share the stage with good friends, partners, and recording mates, Béla Fleck and Abigail Washburn, alongside Iarla Ó Lionáird and Tim Edey.

We're back to business at Celtic Colours, and so grateful to have you here for the fun. Don't be a stranger. The tea is on and we're ready for a céilidh! Thigibh a-staigh!

Dawn



Unama'ki - Land of Fog

The Celtic Colours International Festival takes place in beautiful Unama'ki (the Mi'kmaw name for Cape Breton Island), where you are never far from a breathtaking ocean view or a lush forested area. Mi'kmaw is a verb-based language that, millennia ago, was passed down through oral storytelling, which is still a cornerstone of Mi'kmaw tradition and culture today. The Island is home to the five First Nations communities of We'koqma'q, Wagmatcook, Membertou,

Eskasoni, and Potlotek. Mi'kmaq have called Unama'ki their home for thousands of years, and have always been caretakers of the Island as they are now.

You will have many opportunities to learn about and engage with rich, living Mi'kmaw traditions and culture during the Festival. Storytelling, drum making, cultural workshops and a tribute to Rita Joe, often considered the poet laureate of the Mi'kmaq, are all things you can look forward to experiencing this Festival season!

A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LEANNE BIRMINGHAM-BEDDOW



Our team is truly excited about the 27th Celtic Colours International Festival and welcoming back audiences from near and far. These last few years have not

been without challenges, but thanks to the commitment, resiliency, and hard work of our staff and volunteers, Celtic Colours audiences are in for an awe-inspiring lineup of concerts and cultural experiences throughout beautiful Cape Breton Island.

With 49 concerts and hundreds of cultural events in communities from Port Morien to Port Hood and Bay St. Lawrence to Rocky Bay, I encourage you to immerse yourself in our culture, travel to all corners of our spectacular island paradise, and prepare to be amazed by the brilliant artists and phenomenal program put together for this year's Festival.

Thank you to the many volunteers who are the backbone of this internationally-acclaimed Festival. We couldn't do it without you. To the community organizations who host concerts in their venues, prepare meals, and organize markets, artisan displays, outdoor events, and learning opportunities, we appreciate all that you do to make this Festival the full cultural experience it is. I also want to give a huge thanks to all of those who came before me, who built Celtic Colours into the world-class Festival it has become.

Whether you are attending for the first time or the 20th, let the sights and sounds of Celtic Colours wash over you like the waters of the beautiful Bras d'Or and savour every moment! Thank you for planning to attend. Mòran Taing. Wela'lin. Merci.

A MESSAGE FROM CHAIR OF THE BOARD, MARCEL MCKEOUGH



Our Board of Directors is sending a note of appreciation to those volunteers who are so generous and giving of their time, to our staff who so artfully tend to

every detail, and to the world's best Celtic music performers who happily return to our stages each and every year. And a very special thank you to you, our audiences, who get to enjoy this amazing musical celebration set against one of Mother Nature's most splendid backdrops, Cape Breton Island's fall foliage in full bloom.

Thank you also to our government partners who steadfastly support our efforts. We appreciate the continued investment of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, Nova Scotia Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage, Canadian Heritage, and our municipal partners throughout Cape Breton to help sustain our culture, arts, heritage, and creative industries. Thank you to TD for once again leading the way with their sponsorship and thanks to the many other sponsors and donors who help make Celtic Colours possible.

With more than 80 volunteer organizations hosting concerts and cultural events in fire halls, churches, schools, clubs, Legions, parks, museums, and markets, as well as arts, recreation, and cultural centres, Celtic Colours International Festival is truly an Island-wide effort that year after year positively impacts communities and leaves a lasting impression with anyone who attends.

Enjoy this year's Celtic Colours!

Marcel

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CELTIC COLOURS IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM PRESENTED BY CAPE BRETON UNIVERSITY



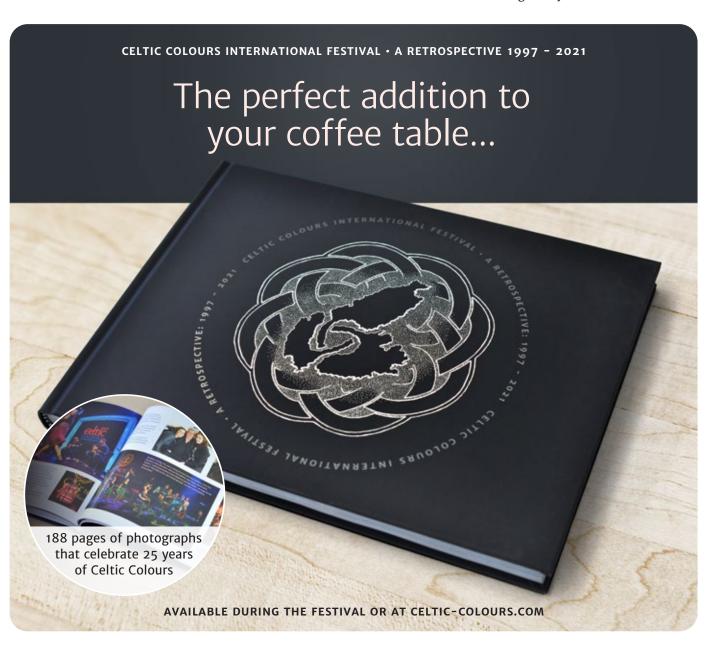
Celtic Colours International Festival recognizes

the importance of keeping our cultural traditions alive—especially among young people on the Island. These cultural traditions build pride of place in our communities, and help to sustain cultural activities, including our Festival. A great deal of time and effort is placed on creating opportunities to present traditional cultures, from here and elsewhere,

to students in public schools across Cape Breton through this program. Cape Breton University, a long-time Festival supporter and partner, is the presenting sponsor of the Celtic Colours in the Schools program in 2023. The program consists of a series of performancebased presentations, featuring artists from the Celtic Colours lineup, delivered to students across Cape Breton Island throughout the school year. Since 2014, when the Schools Program began being offered free-of-charge to students, we have presented hundreds of performances to tens of thousands of students across the Island in both rural and urban communities.

The goal of the program is to expose young people to music that is rooted in culture by way of artists who share compositions and arrangements that are influenced by tradition.

There has been a significant transition in the way children access cultural traditions. Having a program that brings music into the schools is vital to the recognition of our Island's musical heritage. Exposure to roots and traditional music and dance styles is vital to sustaining an interest in culture. And it reaches children who may not otherwise have the opportunity to experience the arts in this, or any other meaningful way.











FESTIVAL INFORMATION



COMMUNITY CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

If you're looking for a way to enhance your Celtic Colours experience, or become more immersed in the culture, consider making daily Cultural Experiences a part of your plans.

The Learning Opportunities series will entertain and enlighten you with a variety of Workshops, Presentations, Demonstrations and Lectures on music, dance, art, craft, and community heritage.

At Participatory Events you can sit back and watch or join in as Community Square Dances, Sessions, Milling Frolics, and Kitchen Rackets give you the opportunity to immerse yourself in the action.

Cape Breton Island's scenery is truly magical, so we've added a series of **Outdoor Events**. Guided Walks and Hikes will put you in the fresh air.

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The Visual Art / Heritage Craft series offers a wide variety of fine art and heritage craft events. Exhibitions, Demonstrations, and Workshops celebrate the creative spirit that thrives on Cape Breton Island.

Have some dinner before your show, spend an afternoon enjoying lunch, or grab some breakfast to start your travels. **Community Meals** offer an opportunity to break bread together and share a home-cooked meal.

Farmers Markets give you an opportunity to meet and support local producers. Pick up some locallygrown food, honey, and handmade goods.

Cultural Experiences are hosted by community groups, galleries, guilds, museums, and non-profit organizations from all over Cape Breton Island, in association with Celtic Colours.



FESTIVAL DRIVE'ERS

The Festival Volunteer Drive'ers
Association is an incorporated not-forprofit society. Formed in August 2004,
the Association's membership is made up
of individuals who volunteer as Drivers
with the Celtic Colours International
Festival. Drivers also volunteer their time
selling performing artists' and Celtic
Colours CDs at venues during the Festival.
Proceeds from these sales are directed to
the Association whoprovide grants and
bursart programs.

THE FRANK SAMPSON "BIG SAMPIE" AWARD grants recording studio time to a young, up-and-coming Celtic artist.
Between 2006 and 2023 more than \$32,000 has been awarded.

THE JOHN ALLAN CAMERON BURSARY

is available to Cape Breton students of Colaisde Na Gàidhlig / The Gaelic College. Over 100 students have been awarded more than \$50,000 since its creation in 2006.

The Association has also awarded more than \$14,000 in travel bursaries over the years to several individuals and groups, assisting them to attend dance competitions, performances, and student exchange groups to Scotland, Ireland, and various parts of Canada.

festivalvolunteerdrivers@outlook.ca



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MISSION STATEMENT

To promote, celebrate and develop Cape Breton's living Celtic culture and hospitality by producing an international festival during the fall colours that builds relationships across Cape Breton Island and beyond.

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2024 October 11–19 2025 October 10–18

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Enjoy one of many **recurring community events** happening during the Festival



The events on these pages occur three times or more during the Festival. We've grouped these recurring events together geographically to help you plan your itinerary.

WEAVERS FIBRE FESTIVALBOLD Centre, Baddeck



October 7, 8, 9 • 9AM - 5PM, FREE

The South Haven Weavers' Guild is hosting their only BIG show and sale of the year, featuring beautiful textiles. Demonstrations of spinning and weaving taking place on site. CONTACT: Dianne info@fibrefestival.ca
HOSTED BY: South Haven Weavers Guild

BADDECK QUILT GUILD FIBRE ARTS SHOW & SALE Greenwood United Church, Baddeck



October 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 • 10AM-5PM, \$2

A variety of unique products from bed quilts to small quilted items, knitting and rug hooking.

contact: Jacquie 902–295–2346 \cdot the gauthiers.jg@gmail.com hosted by: Baddeck Quilt Guild

© CBC MAINSTREET LIVE Knox Presbyterian Church, Baddeck



October 9, 10, 11, 12 · 10 AM - 12 PM, FREE

Local radio program CBC Mainstreet host Wendy Bergfeldt interviews Festival artists and local culture bearers in front of a live audience. No reservations, just drop in.

ноsтер ву: CBC Cape Breton





Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site, Baddeck

October 10, 11, 12, 13 • 1pm-2pm, free with museum admission

Enjoy a behind-the-music perspective from featured Festival artists in this musical demonstration and conversation. Drop in, no reservations.

CONTACT: 902-295-2069

HOSTED BY: Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site

COLORAL DEMONSTRATIONS



Colaisde na Gàidhlig / The Gaelic College, St. Ann's

October 10, 11, 12 · 10:30AM-12PM, \$5

Learn about the living traditions of Nova Scotia Gaels through demonstrations of the great kilt, Gaelic song, milling frolic, music, and dance.

CONTACT: Margie 902-295-3411 ext.222

margie@gaeliccollege.edu

ноsтер ву: Colaisde na Gàidhlig / The Gaelic College

© OCEANSIDE CREATIONS Centre de la Mi-Carême, Grand Étang





October 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13 · 10 AM - 12 PM, \$25 PLUS HST

Learn from talented local artists to turn reclaimed wood, sea glass, marine debris, shells, rocks and more into works of art. Reservations required. Book your spot at micareme.com. contact: Joeleen 902-224-1016 • direction@micareme.ca HOSTED BY: Société Mi-Carême

MASKS WORKSHOP







October 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13 · 1pm-3pm, \$25 PLUS HST

Learn all about the century-long tradition of Mi-Carême while making the mask of the character you create. Reservations required. Book your spot at micareme.com. CONTACT: Joeleen 902-224-1016 · direction@micareme.ca HOSTED BY: Société Mi-Carême

CHÉTICAMP-STYLE HOOKED RUG WORKSHOP Les Trois Pignons, Chéticamp



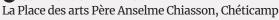


October 8, 9, 10, 11 • 1PM - 3PM, \$50 INCLUDES MATERIALS

A warm welcome awaits from Betty Ann Cormier, a fourthgeneration rug-hooker, who will share her knowedge, skills, and many historical facts and stories about how this craft made Chéticamp the "Hooking Capital of Canada". Book in advance to ensure your spot.

CONTACT: Betty Ann · bacormierconsultants@gmail.com HOSTED BY: La Société St. Pierre

COME SPOON WITH US





October 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 · 10 AM - 11 AM AND 1 PM - 2 PM, \$45

This hour-long workshop shares the history of spoon playing in Cape Breton, and how they are made. Participants will learn to play and get to keep the spoons for their next kitchen party. Maximum 20 spots per workshop, book via conseildesartsdecheticamp.com.

CONTACT: Elyse 902–224–1876 · direction@artscheticamp.org HOSTED BY: Le Conseil des arts de Chéticamp







SHUFFLIN' ALONG

La Place des arts Père Anselme Chiasson, Chéticamp



October 7, 9, 10 · 3pm - 4pm, \$35

This beginner level lesson is led by an Acadian step dancer. Maximum 20 participants per workshop. Please register in advance by visiting conseildesartsdecheticamp.com. CONTACT: Elyse 902-224-1876 · direction@artscheticamp.org HOSTED BY: Le Conseil des arts de Chéticamp

© CELTIC QUILT GUILD ANNUAL SHOW & SALE Belle Côte Community Hall, Bell Côte



October 12 • 10 AM - 6:30 PM; October 13, 14 • 10 AM - 5 PM,

A show and sale of unique handmade quilts, decorations, and a variety of textile items.

CONTACT: Anne 902-248-2466 · kingross@seasidehighspeed.com HOSTED BY: Celtic Quilt Guild

WEAVING DEMONSTRATION Scotsville School of Crafts, Scotsville



October 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 • 1PM-3PM; October 11 • 10AM-3PM ·····

Weaving is acknowledged as one of the oldest surviving crafts in the world. The art of weaving is alive in Cape Breton. Each year new students come to learn this ancient craft. Come and try your hand at throwing a shuttle.

CONTACT: Verna 902-258-2278 · vernamacm@gmail.com ноsтеd ву: Lake Ainslie Weavers & Craft Guild

HANDS-ON SPINNING DEMONSTRATION Scotsville School of Crafts, Scotsville

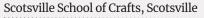


October 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 · 1PM-3PM; October 11 · 10AM-3PM DONATION

At the Scotsville School of Crafts, spinning is yet another ancient craft which is alive and well. Stop in to watch a spinner at work and give it a try.

CONTACT: Verna 902-258-2278 · vernamacm@gmail.com HOSTED BY: Lake Ainslie Weavers & Craft Guild

QUILTING BEE





October 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 · 1PM-3PM; October 11 · 10AM-3PM, DONATION

A quilt is on the frame and this is your chance to try your stitching, learn how it is done, or join the other guild members and put in a few stitches.

CONTACT: Verna 902-258-2278 · vernamacm@qmail.com ноsтер ву: Lake Ainslie Weavers & Craft Guild

LAKESIDE IMPRESSIONS ART AND CRAFT EXHIBIT Scotsville School of Crafts, Scotsville



October 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 · 1PM-3PM; October 11 · 10AM-3PM,

This is a unique showcase of local arts and crafts for sale and for your viewing pleasure. Everyone Welcome!

CONTACT: Verna 902-258-2278 · vernamacm@gmail.com HOSTED BY: Lake Ainslie Weavers & Craft Guild

MILLING FROLIC





Baile nan Gàidheal / Highland Village, Iona

October 6, 9, 11 · 2PM - 3PM, MUSEUM ADMISSION APPLIES

The informative animators in this living history museum share how the Gaels prepared woven cloth for use, all the while communally singing Gaelic songs in rhythm during the milling frolic.

CONTACT: 902-725-2272 · highlandvillage.novascotia.ca ноsтер ву: Baile nan Gàidheal / Highland Village

STORYTELLING TOUR & MILLING FROLIC Baile nan Gàidheal / Highland Village, Iona





October 7, 8, 14 · 10:30AM-12:30PM, \$40

Join museum staff for a guided storytelling tour. This special folklife experience shares the lives, language, and culture of Nova Scotia Gaels over 250 years. Hear Gaelic stories and songs, and enjoy some tea and Cape Breton oatcakes. Reservations preferred.

CONTACT: 902-725-2272 · highlandvillage.novascotia.ca ноsтер ву: Baile nan Gàidheal / Highland Village

BUDDY MACMASTER FIDDLE CAMP Celtic Music Interpretive Centre, Judique



October 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 · 9:30 AM - 3 PM, \$150 DAY; \$500 WEEK

For the intermediate and advanced player, this five-day workshop series teaches the nuances and characteristics of the Cape Breton Fiddle Style. Named in honour of late local legend Buddy MacMaster, each day features a different artist instructor with their own unique musical signatures. Please register in advance.

CONTACT: 902-787-2708

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EXHIBIT ROOM TOUR

Celtic Music Interpretive Centre, Judique



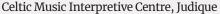
October 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 · 11AM - 3PM, \$5

This self-guided tour takes you through historical and cultural elements of Celtic music, with interactive displays. Drop in, admission at the door.

CONTACT: 902-787-2708

HOSTED BY: Celtic Music Interpretive Centre

LUNCH CEILIDH





October 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 · 11:45AM - 2PM, \$6

The Celtic Music Interpretive Centre is a charitable organization that fosters musicianship and culture, and proceeds from their in-house restaurant help support their programs. Enjoy live music and a visit. Menu pricing, admission at the door, no reservations. First come first served.

CONTACT: 902-787-2708

HOSTED BY: Celtic Music Interpretive Centre

RECURRING EVENTS (



EVERY CHILD MATTERS, FINDING A WAY FORWARDJ. Franklin Wright Gallery, Civic Centre, Port Hawkesbury



October 7, 8 · 8am-4pm; October 10-14 · 8am-8pm, free

The works of five commissioned artists—Tara Francis, Gerald Gloade, Phyllis Grant, Lorne Julien, and Noella Moore—take the viewer through a journey acknowledging and honouring the Indigenous children who suffered and died in residential schools.

CONTACT: Sharon ryansharon2012@hotmail.com HOSTED BY: J. Franklin Wright Gallery Committee

© BLACKSMITHING WORKSHOP The LeNoir Forge Museum, Arichat



October 9 • 10 am, 2 pm; October 10, 11 • 10 am \$75 adults; \$30 youth to age 14

Visit one of the oldest stone buildings on Cape Breton Island and learn about the traditional art of blacksmithing. Participants will produce a forge piece to take home. Class sizes are limited to four participants, pre-registration is required.

CONTACT: 902-226-9364 · islemadamehistoricalsociety@gmail.com HOSTED BY: Isle Madame Historical Society

(a) LATE NIGHT JAMS WITH KITCHEN RACKETS
St. Peter's Lions Marina, St. Peter's



October 9, 10, 11 · 10:30 PM, DONATION

After the local evening concerts, visiting players are invited to sit in with local musicians for acoustic jam sessions. Instrumentalists, singers, dancers, and listeners are welcome.

CONTACT: Greg greg@kitchenrackets.org HOSTED BY: Kitchen Rackets Organization SYDNEY WEAVERS' GUILD SHOW & SALE Cape Breton Centre for Craft and Design, Sydney



October 11, 12, 13, 14 · 10 AM - 4 PM, FREE

Weaving is a popular heritage craft still alive on Cape Breton Island. Drop in and check out this unique display and sale of handwoven textiles in the weaving studio on site.

contact: Cassie 902–240–7491 cassie@capebretoncraft.com

HOSTED BY: Cape Breton Centre for Craft and Design

© CELTIC CONVERSATIONS McConnell Library, Sydney



October 10, 11, 12, 13 · 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM, FREE

This series features guest Festival artists who share their stories, music, and conversation in a family-friendly setting. Drop in, all ages welcomed.

CONTACT: Tara tmacneil@cbrl.ca
HOSTED BY: Cape Breton Regional Library

DAY IN THE LIFE OF A COALMINER Cape Breton Miners Museum, Glace Bay



October 11, 12, 13, 14 · 10:30 AM - 4 PM, \$25 ADULTS; \$20 YOUTH

Take an immersive virtual mine tour to learn the history of mining and the evolution of coal. Then, dressed in a cape and hard hat, join a retired miner for an educational tour of the coal mine. It is recommended to book your tour in advance.

CONTACT: 902-849-4522

HOSTED BY: Cape Breton Miners Museum



Watch a different concert each night of the Festival

Tune in at celtic-colours.com





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MI'KMAQ CULTURAL WORKSHOPS Membertou Heritage Park, Membertou



October 10, 11, 12, 13 · 9AM - 4PM CONTACT FOR PRICING, GROUP RATES AVAILABLE

Visit the museum on site and learn about the history and culture of Mi'kma'ki. There are also several workshops available, such as making dream catchers, medicine wheel teaching, legends and storytelling, and more. Reserve your spot in a workshop for an immersive cultural learning experience.

CONTACT: Jeff 902-567-5333 • 902-562-0444

jeffward@membertou.ca

ноѕтер ву: Membertou Heritage Park

PROLETARIART: THE PEOPLE'S EXHIBITION Cape Breton University Art Gallery, Sydney



October 6, 10-14 • 10AM-4PM, FREE

ProletariART is a non-juried community exhibition that celebrates the Island's creativity. This exhibition hosts the work of local artists, from the emerging to professional. It is open to everyone and celebrates amateur, folk, experimental, and avant-garde art in addition to more traditional art forms. No matter what age or skill level, artists from across Unama'ki / Cape Breton are welcome to show their creative talents at ProletariArt!

CONTACT: 902-563-1342

ноsтеd ву: Cape Breton University Art Gallery

ODORS OPEN FOR CHURCHES

The public is invited to explore some of Cape Breton's built heritage. Select churches are open for in-person tours. Drop in, admission by donation.

CONTACT: Marg 902-227-8303 margareteherdman@yahoo.ca

ноsted ву: Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia

Holy Guardian Angels Catholic Church, L'Ardoise October 8 • 9:30 Am - 10:30 AM; 12 PM - 2 PM

St. Matthew Wesley United Church, Leitches Creek October 8 • 2PM – 4PM

St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Boisdale October 9 • 12PM - 4PM

Greenwood United Church, Baddeck

October 10, 11, 12 · 9AM-3PM

St Patrick's Catholic Church, Whiteside

October 10 · 1pm-4pm

Cleveland Church Museum, Cleveland

October 10 · 1pm - 4pm

Ephraim Scott Presbyterian Church, South Haven

October 10 · 1PM-3PM

St. Peter and St. John Anglican Church, Baddeck

October 10 · 1pm - 4pm

Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine, Mabou

October 11 · 3pm - 6pm

Carman United, Sydney Mines

October 13 · 2PM-4PM

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, North East Margaree

October 14 · 11AM-2PM







NIGHTLY (OCTOBER 6-14)



CELTIC COLOURS FESTIVAL CLUB

Colaisde Na Gàidhlig / the Gaelic College, St. Ann's \$20 • 11pm Nightly 19 & over, photo ID required

One of the most popular features of Celtic Colours each year is the Festival Club. Located at Colaisde Na Gàidhlig / The Gaelic College in St. Ann's, the licensed Festival Club opens as the evening concerts are closing, offering an opportunity for Festival artists to showcase in a more informal setting, or to get in on a session with friends and colleagues from near and far. It also serves as a spot to wind down and catch up with friends at the end of the day. Performance is by invitation only and depends on the availability on any given night. The performance schedule is not posted in advance.



Use the tick box (located in the top right of each concert) to mark your favourite Celtic Colours Concerts.

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FRIDAY OCTOBER 6



THE UNIVERSAL **LANGUAGE**

Blazin' Fiddles Heather Rankin Le Vent du Nord • VRï Diane Cannon Ruth Keggin & Rachel Hair **Stoney Bear Singers**

Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre, Port Hawkesbury • 7:30 рм, \$65/50/40

From the writings of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow to a recent study at Harvard University, it is generally agreed that music could very well be the universal language. That's something we can relate to here on Cape Breton Island, where a love of music bridges cultures from many different parts of the world. Another thing Cape Bretoners can relate to, with our populations of Mi'kmaw and Gaelic speakers, is the threat these languages face. UNESCO designated 2019 as the International Year for Indigenous Languages and the United Nations' declared 2022-2032 as the International Decade of Indigenous Languages, highlighting the crucial role these languages play, as well as the rate of their extinction. Tonight you'll hear Mi'kmaw, Scottish Gaelic, and French as well as Irish, Welsh, and Manx in this opening concert as we celebrate Indigenous languages and the universality of music.

Nearby Meals: Grand Anse Roast Beef Dinner **Page 15;** Homemade Fishcakes and Beans Supper Page 16



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Check pages 10-13 for recurring community events to find today's options in your area.

LIFTING SPIRITS AND FEET WITH CELTIC MUSIC



Chestico Museum, Port Hood

1pm-2:30pm, \$10

This event brings together local dancers and musicians who will provide valuable tips, take a walk through square set patterns and enjoy some tea and local treats.

CONTACT: 902-787-2244 chesticomuseum@ns.aliantzinc.ca. ноsтер ву: Chestico Museum & Historical Society

COMMUNITY CEILIDH AT THE CAUSEWAY



Strait Area Museum, Port Hastings

2PM-4PM, DONATION

Bring your instruments and voices and visit the charming community museum on the front porch of Cape Breton Island. All ages welcome. Drop in.

CONTACT: 902-625-1295 straitareamuseum@qmail.com HOSTED BY: Strait Area Museum

GRAND ANSE ROAST BEEF DINNER Royal Canadian Legion Branch 47,



Grand Anse

4РМ-**6**РМ, **\$20**

Enjoy a home-cooked roast beef dinner with mashed potatoes, vegetables, and all the trimmings, including lemon cake for dessert and tea or coffee. Just 20 minutes from the opening concert in Port Hawkesbury.

CONTACT: Linda 902-345-2290 lindab570@qmail.com

ноsted ву: Royal Canadian Legion

Branch 47

FRIDAY OCTOBER 6

HOMEMADE FISHCAKES AND BEANS SUPPER



St. Joseph Parish, Port Hawkesbury

4:30рм-6:30рм, \$20

Enjoy a homemade fishcakes and beans supper with biscuits, dessert, and tea or coffee. Located just three minutes away from the opening concert, The Universal Language, at the Port Hawkesbury Civic Center.

CONTACT: Louise 902-631-3687 louisecampbell@ns.aliantzinc.ca ноsтер ву: St Joseph Parish Fundraising Committee

SUPER FRIDAY SQUARE DANCE Creignish Recreation Centre, Creignish



9:30pm-12:30am, \$10 (CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER FREE WITH ADULT)

This family-friendly square dance is a fun way to kick off the weekend with live music from Andrea Beaton and Troy MacGillivray. Drop in after the opening Celtic Colours concert, just 15 minutes up the coast.

CONTACT: Ian 902-623-9167 ic.iancameron@gmail.com

HOSTED BY: Creignish Recreation Centre



Experience Visual Art and Heritage Craft though Exhibitions, Demonstrations, and Workshops celebrating the creative spirit that thrives on Cape Breton Island.

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WE'LL MEET IN INVERNESS

Howie MacDonald & Mac Morin Cheryl MacQuarrie Iain MacQuarrie VRï • Diane Cannon

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St. Matthew's United Church, Inverness • 2:00 PM, \$35

The town of Inverness, on Cape Breton Island's west coast, is just about halfway between Chéticamp and Judique along fabled Route 19, also known as the Céilidh Trail. What better place could there be to meet up for an afternoon of music? And what better crowd to get together for such an afternoon? Cape Bretoners Howie MacDonald and Mac Morin are wellknown dance players who have met up many's a time to play tunes together for concerts and recordings, as well as dances. Howie and step dancer Cheryl MacQuarrie are brother and sister, and they will be joined by Cheryl's youngest son, Iain, for some afternoon tunes on piano with his uncle Howie. The local dance players and dancers will welcome young Welsh group VRï-fresh off their Celtic Colours debut in the opening concert, The Universal Language—and Irish singer Diane Cannon who was also featured in the opening concert and is playing in a trio with singer Mairi MacMillan and piano player Mhairi Hall, for an afternoon meeting of songs, steps, and tunes in Inverness.

HOSTED BY St. Matthew's United Church

CÒMHLA CRUINN: GATHERED TOGETHER

Rachel Walker & Aaron Jones Shelly Campbell & Allan Dewar Ruth Keggin & Rachel Hair

St. Barra Church & Christmas Island Communities Centre, Christmas Island 2:00PM • \$35

This will be a special afternoon in the cultural haven that is Christmas Island (Eilean Na Nollaig), when two of the Goidelic languages (Manx and Scottish Gaelic) are gathered together in song, alongside the sounds of Gaelic-infused Cape Breton fiddle playing at the St. Barra Church & Christmas Island Communities Centre. The venue may be new to the Festival, but the sentiment is as old as the Gaelic culture that runs so deep in the community, where the traditions have been kept up and passed on for generations. Always in demand to play for dances, local fiddler and piano player Shelly Campbell and Allan Dewar are deeply-connected to these traditions and will welcome Rachel Walker and Aaron Jones from Scotland and Manx-Scottish duo Ruth Keggin and Rachel Hair. Enjoy the scenic drive alongside the Bras d'Or Lake as you make your way to Christmas Island today, where these fine performers will gather together for an afternoon of sharing traditional music and culture.

HOSTED BY Commun Féis an Eilein

ALONG THE SHORES OF BRAS D'OR

John Doyle Mary Beth Carty & Colin Grant & Bradley Murphy Jocelyn Pettit & Ellen Gira

Big Pond Community Centre / Fire Hall, Big Pond • 7:30pm • \$40

On any given weekend around Cape Breton Island, you'll find tunes flying, laughter rumbling, and stories being shared in kitchens, community centres, and firehalls. Whether you're a regular or this is your first time, you're in for a classic Cape Breton Saturday night. Big Pond is a community with a rich legacy of traditional tunes and celebrated songwriters. This evening's concert reflects that legacy with an exciting lineup of versatile performers. Gaelic, English, and French traditional and modern songs will come together with original and well-known tunes from Scotland, Ireland, North America, Scandinavia, and Cape Breton for an evening you won't soon forget. You'll be transported by the songs and guitarplaying of John Doyle. Accordionist, guitarist, and player of pocket-sized instruments Mary Beth Carty will have you on the edge of your seat, with Colin Grant and Bradley Murphy along for the ride. And Jocelyn Pettit and Ellen Gira's playful interaction of fiddle and cello will unite the west coast of Canada with the east coast of the U.S. along the shores of the Bras d'Or tonight.

HOSTED BY Big Pond Community Council

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CONCERTS



PJILA'SI: A WAGMATCOOK WELCOME

Le Vent du Nord Scott Macmillan & James MacLean Indian Bay Singers

Wagmatcook First Nation, Wagmatcook Culture and Heritage Centre • 7:30™ • \$35

"Pjila'si" means welcome in Mi'kmaw. Overlooking Nyanza Bay, stunning views will complement the music coming from the stage tonight. This evening's concert will start with a traditional welcome ceremony by the Indian Bay Singers, followed by performances by Le Vent du Nord and guitar duo Scott Macmillan and James MacLean. Although Le Vent du Nord has only played Celtic Colours four times in the last twenty years, their outstanding musicianship, engaging stage presence, and undeniable joie de vivre makes it seem like they're here every other year. They will certainly receive a warm welcome in Wagmatcook tonight, along with Scott Macmillan and James MacLean. An award-winning and much celebrated musician, composer, and conductor, Scott is teamed up with a past guitar student of his in James, who has been making a name for himself as a unique accompanist since releasing his debut album in 2018 with support from the Festival Volunteer Drive'ers Association.

ноsтеd ву Wagmatcook Culture & Heritage Centre

KELLY'S DREAM

Jay Ungar & Molly Mason Dwayne Côté & Brian Doyle Rose Morrison & Màiri Chaimbeul

Boularderie, Boularderie School 7:30pm • \$35

The Boularderie School lies in the shadow of Kelly's Mountain, a local landmark that serves as the namesake for a popular Cape Breton song, and whose likeness is painted on the mountain that bears his name. "Kelly was an Irishman..." the song goes, and so we suppose he would love the music here tonight. Songs and tunes, fiddles, a guitar and a harp—sounds like a night to dream about. Celebrated American roots duo Jay Ungar and Molly Mason can bring you to tears and back again with their selections of oldtimey tunes and soul-stirring playing, delicately intertwining intricate guitar picking and hearty fiddle playing. Fiddler and singer Rose Morrison and Juno-award winning harpist Màiri Chaimbeul will combine forces on stage, showcasing their unique styles and ability to connect. Familiar faces to Celtic Colours, Brian Doyle's Celticinfluenced, blues and rock-infused guitar-playing will pair nicely with virtuosic player and composer Dwayne Côté, one of Atlantic Canada's most unique violinists, as they grace the stage in Boularderie tonight. This is a dream Kelly's not going to want to wake up from.

HOSTED BY Southside Boularderie Volunteer Firefighters

CELTIC CABARET

Blazin' Fiddles Allan MacDonald: We're a Case the Bunch of Us Lisa Cameron & Vern MacDougall

Membertou, Membertou Trade and Convention Centre • 7:30PM • \$50/40

It's Canadian Thanksgiving and that means Cape Breton Island's transformation into its stunning autumnal state has begun. As the leaves start to change from green to vivid hues of yellow, orange, and red, friends and family gather to share gratitude and thanks. One of the Festival's few licensed concerts, the Celtic Cabaret at Membertou Trade and Convention Centre has become an opening weekend, Saturday night tradition during Celtic Colours over the years. Tonight's concert showcases the high energy of award-winning Scottish Highlands and Islands group Blazin' Fiddles, the melodic singing and playing of Lisa Cameron and Vern MacDougall, and the eclectic group Allan MacDonald: We're a Case the Bunch of Us, featuring celebrated Scottish piper, composer, and Gaelic singer Allan MacDonald in collaboration with Finlay MacDonald, Iain MacFarlane, Ali Hutton, and Leonard Barry. It's a time to be thankful and this concert gives us lots to be thankful for.

19 & over; photo ID required

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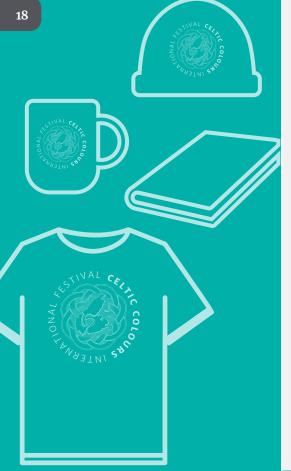
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And be sure to check out our pop-up shops during the Festival for a selection of unique Celtic Colours merchandise.

Festival Drive'ers will also be selling CDs at concerts.



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Check **page 10–13** for recurring community events to find today's options in your area.

STEPDANCE WORKSHOP
Whycocomagh Volunteer Fire
Department Fire Hall, Whycocomagh

9:30am-11am, \$10

Local instructor Stephanie MacDonald walks you through all the basic steps of this fun, percussive dance style. Just drop in and pay at the door. For large groups, please reach out in advance. contact: Burton 902-756-2769 burtonmacintyre@ns.sympatico.ca HOSTED BY: Whycocomagh Volunteer Fire Department

CAPE BRETON FARMERS' MARKET Cape Breton Farmers' Market, Sydney

9:30AM-1:30PM, FREE

This market features a wide variety of local offerings for sale, from fresh produce to prepared foods, craft beer, baked goods, handmade items, and artisan goods. Drop in and enjoy the welcoming atmosphere.

CONTACT: 902-564-9948
HOSTED BY: Cape Breton Farmers' Market

TEA AND CONVERSATIONSt. Andrew's Catholic Church,
Boisdale

10am-12pm, free

Drop in for tea and conversation at historic St. Andrew's church in Boisdale. Learn about the construction, changes over the years, and hear a few stories from local history. All welcome.

CONTACT: Joe 902-871-2013
HOSTED BY: Boisdale Historical Society





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CELTIC KNOTS WORKSHOP Greenwood United Church, Baddeck



1PM-4:30PM, \$50 MATERIALS INCLUDED

Norma Marchant leads this workshop guiding participants through handstitching Celtic Knot patterns.
Reservations recommended.
contact: Jacquie 902-295-2346
thegauthiers.jg@gmail.com
HOSTED BY: Baddeck Quilt Guild

SHIP HARBOUR SONG SESSION



The Evergreen Club, Port Hawkesbury

1PM-4PM, DONATION

This friendly participatory event includes sing-alongs of favourite Cape Breton songs and opportunities to celebrate solo and group singing. Drop in. contact: Adam 902-625-8863 adamjrcooke@yahoo.ca

ноsтер ву: Port Hastings Historical Society

WORKSHOP: LOCKER HOOKING WITH CATE LAKE THOMPSON

BOLD Centre, Baddeck





1PM-4PM, \$50 MATERIALS INCLUDED

In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn the craft of locker hooking, and make a small sample to take home. No experience required. Limited space, please register in advance.

CONTACT: info@fibrefestival.ca HOSTED BY: South Haven Weavers Guild

CELEBRATION OF DANCE La Picasse Centre



La Picasse Centre Communautaire Culturel, Petit-de-Grat

2PM-4PM, \$10

This event demonstrates and tells the stories behind local dance styles, featuring dancers of all ages. Celebrate the cultural connections through the beautiful moving language.

CONTACT: 902-226-0149 direction@lapicasse.ca HOSTED BY: La Picasse Centre Communautaire Culturel











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ALL AGES FAMILY SQUARE DANCE Brookland Elementary, Sydney



2PM-4PM, DONATION

Everyone is welcome to this familyoriented dance (outdoors, weather permitting; in the gym if raining). CONTACT: biancapetrie@icloud.com HOSTED BY: Brookland Home and School

A HEARTY BOWL OF DINNER Brooks Haven Seniors' Recreation Centre, Prime Brook



4:30рм-6рм, \$22

Choose between homemade beef chili, vegetarian chili, or seafood chowder. Comes with tea or coffee and dessert. Less than 10 minute drive from the Celtic Cabaret concert in Membertou.

CONTACT: Laurie 902-564-8073 ноsted ву: Brooks Haven Senior Recreation Association

GAELIC SONG CIRCLE Beinn Mhàbu, Mabou







7PM, \$10

Local musicians and Gaelic singers from near and far join in sharing songs at this intimate acoustic event, and welcome everyone to come sing along! CONTACT: Kenneth 902-623-0455 taighsgoilenadrochaide@gmail.com ноsтер ву: Taigh Sqoile na Drochaide

ALL AGES SQUARE DANCE West Mabou Hall, West Mabou



9pm-12am, \$10

All ages are welcome at this popular, family-friendly community dance featuring live music.

w.mabou.entertainment@gmail.com ноsted ву: West Mabou Development







PIPERS' CÉILIDH

Allan MacDonald: We're a Case the Bunch of Us Kevin Dugas & Mac Morin & James MacLean Heather MacIsaac & Mary Beth Carty

St. Ann's, Colaisde na Gàidhlig / The Gaelic College • 2:00pm • \$40

Celtic Colours' annual Pipers' Céilidh is one of the most popular concerts of the Festival. Allan "The Whaler" MacDonald, of the Glenuig MacDonalds in Scotland, has composed some of the most popular pipe and dance tunes of his generation. Last year, Allan was featured in a special concert at the Piping Live! Festival in Glasgow, showcasing compositions from his seminal Moidart collections alongside musical friends Iain MacFarlane, Ali Hutton, Finlay MacDonald, and Leonard Barry. So, we invited the lot of them over to share the joy on this side of the pond. Inverness County's Kevin Dugas and Heather MacIsaac from Antigonish, Nova Scotia, started playing pipes at an early age and continued with the 78th Highlanders Halifax Citadel Grade 1 Pipe Band. Heather makes her Celtic Colours debut this afternoon with multi-instrumentalist Mary Beth Carty. A founding member of the traditional piping group Nuallan, Kevin will be on stage today with James MacLean on guitar and Mac Morin on piano.

ноsтер ву Colaisde na Gàidhliq/ The Gaelic College

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A FULL SLATE

Jay Ungar & Molly Mason Ruth Keggin & Rachel Hair Donnie Campbell & Jinks O'Neill

L'Ardoise, L'Ardoise Community Centre • 2:00pm • \$30

To some, "a full slate" refers to being able to attract the talent needed to fill all available positions in an election. In more general terms, a full slate can refer to a complete schedule of features or events. And at Celtic Colours, we all know A Full Slate means that L'Ardoise is going to rock tonight! The small fishing village on Cape Breton Island's southern coast was settled in the early 1700s by French-speaking Acadians. They called their new home L'Ardoise, meaning "slate", for the large deposits of rock and slate they found along the shore. We've taken a little wisdom from each meaning and applied a bit of poetic license in coming up with this one. The three groups featured this afternoon from Cape Breton, Scotland and the Isle of Man, and the U.S.—certainly do offer a full range of talent and experience. Jay Ungar and Molly Mason are one of the most celebrated duos on the American acoustic music scene. Manx Gaelic singer Ruth Keggin and Scottish harpist Rachel Hair are each well-established artists who just released their celebrated debut album as a duo. Donnie Campbell and Jinks O'Neill have played as a duo for almost ten years, after a lifetime each in the worlds of folk, rock, and country. This concert is what Celtic Colours is all about; three duos from near and far just crackin' to play together.

ноѕтер ву L'Ardoise Men's Club



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DANCING UP A SUÊTE

La Swing du Suête É.T.É Rachel Davis & Darren McMullen Jenny MacKenzie Dawn & Helen MacDonald Jocelyn Pettit & Ellen Gira

La Place des arts Père Anselme Chiasson, Chéticamp • 2:00pm • \$35/30

It's no secret that some of Cape Breton's best dancers come from the culturallyrich and vibrant Acadian community of Chéticamp. This is where the famous south-east winds, known as les suête, blow strong onshore, and where local dance troupe La Swing du Suête has kept their dance tradition strong for more than 20 years. Today they welcome dancers from the Cape Breton tradition, including Jenny MacKenzie and sisters Dawn MacDonald-Gillis and Helen MacDonald. Fiddler and singer Rachel Davis and multi-instrumentalist and singer Darren McMullen will be on board for some tunes, along with Quebec's É.T.É., who made their Celtic Colours debut by video in 2020, and the dynamic fiddle and cello duo Jocelyn Pettit and Ellen Gira. Knowing what this concert is all about, there's a fair chance Rachel and Jocelyn might be compelled to put their fiddles down for a few steps themselves before the afternoon is over.

ноsтер ву Conseil des arts de Chéticamp

STEP INTO THE PAST

John Doyle Rachel Walker & Aaron Jones Gillian Head & Brian Doyle

Fortress of Louisbourg Chapel, Louisbourg • 6:00 pm • \$135

One of the Festival's most popular concerts invites you to Step into the Past at the Fortress of Louisbourg, North America's largest reconstructed historical site. The Fortress of Louisbourg offers a glimpse at life in colonial Cape Breton around the 1740s, making you feel as though you've been transported back in time. The evening begins with an authentic 18th-century meal served by candle light in period costume and character. Afterwards, a stroll guided by the glow of lanterns through the cobbled streets of the reconstructed town will lead you to a concert at the enchanting chapel in the King's Bastion. Set against a beautiful candle-lit backdrop, Dublin native John Doyle will transcend time and place with his renowned guitar playing and songs that could have been written yesterday or two hundred years ago. Esteemed Scottish singer-songwriters Rachel Walker and Aaron Jones perform traditional and contemporary songs, and Cape Bretoners Gillian Head and Brian Doyle will add some local flair with fiddle and guitar in hand. True to its time, this beautifully unique venue has neither central heating nor electricity. So dress warmly for this very special, one-of-akind Celtic Colours experience.

HOSTED BY Fortress Louisbourg Association

RAISING THE ROOF

John & Cailean MacLean & Kolten MacDonell Kimberley Fraser & Mac Morin & Aaron Lewis VRï

Boisdale Fire Hall, Boisdale • 7:30 PM • \$35

Traditional music, language, and dance have played a central role in the Boisdale area since Scottish immigrants arrived in the early 1800s. The community still gets together regularly to celebrate their culture, and dances and concerts are held year-round at the Boisdale Fire Hall. Tonight will be a special night as the concert takes place on the Cameron Stage, named to commemorate the impact of recently deceased Fr. Francis Cameron and his sister Janet back in 2017. For renowned bagpiper John MacLean, whose parents were friends with the Camerons, it will be an extra special evening and a time for reflection. John will take to the stage with son Cailean on guitar and Kolten MacDonell on piano for some rousing traditional pipe tunes. They'll ensure that VRï gets the full Boisdale welcome as our new Welsh friends harness the raw energy of the fiddle with the finesse of the violin, and the beauty of chamber music with the joy and abandon of a pub session. Fiddle, guitar, piano trio Kimberley Fraser, Aaron Lewis, and Mac Morin will do their part to raise the roof with some well-loved traditional Cape Breton tunes to top off the night.

ноsтер ву Boisdale Volunteer Fire Department















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CRAIC'N CABARET

Membertou Trade and Convention

There's no better way to spend a long

enjoy some fabulous live music, and

if you so choose, to raise a glass at this

19+ event. With a magnificent array of

music that encompasses both enduring

tradition and tradition reborn, tonight's

future. And it's a cabaret so there's plenty

of time for each of these artists to stretch

out in their set. Quebec's Le Vent du Nord

is made up of five friends whose intense,

joyful, and dynamic live performances

exciting to welcome back this award-

winning and highly-acclaimed group

after seven years. Popular Cape Breton

contemporary folk trio Hauler returns to

the Festival this year. Weaving together

traditional Irish and Scottish ballads,

and contemporary instrumentals with

a modern acoustic approach, Hauler

proves that Cape Breton music can re-

invent itself. Irish singer Diane Canon

cabaret. It's not often that a new voice

arises out of an ancient tradition, but that

is exactly what Diane brings to the stage.

Buckle up, because you're in for a craic'n

rounds out the lineup for tonight's

indie folk originals, and traditional

expand the bounds of tradition. It's

event honours both the past and the

weekend than to get together with pals,

Centre, Membertou • 7:30pm

Le Vent du Nord

Diane Cannon

Hauler

\$50/40

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Check page 10-13 for recurring community events to find today's options in your area.

HUNGRYMAN'S BREAKFAST D'Escousse Civic Improvement Hall, D'Escousse



8am-11am, \$12 adults, \$6 kids 10 & under

Drop in and bring your appetite for a hearty community breakfast of scrambled or boiled eggs, bacon, sausage, bologna, toast, juice, coffee, tea, combread, and muffins (gluten-free muffins available). HOSTED BY: D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society

FÉIS NA DROCHAIDE Beinn Mhàbu, Mabou





9am-4pm, \$40

A day of Gaelic music, song, and dance for all abilities and ages! Join in for workshops in fiddle, piping, step dance, and Gaelic, followed by tea and a community milling frolic. CONTACT: Jenny 302-318-3892 dannsairfitness@gmail.com ноsтер ву: Taigh Sqoile na Drochaide

CELTIC COLOURS PUMPKIN CARVING



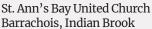
La Rigouèche, Chéticamp Visitor Centre

10AM-12PM, FREE WITH PARK PASS

Join Parks Canada staff for this seasonal favourite activity. Pumpkins and carving tools provided. Drop in between 10am and noon.

contact: 902-224-2306 · interpcb@pc.qc.ca HOSTED BY: Cape Breton Highlands National Park

CELTIC SERVICE







11AM, DONATION

Incorporating Gaelic singing, Gaelic scriptures, Celtic Hymns, and violin, this service will feature Catriona Parsons with her Nova Scotia Ecumenical Gaelic Choir.

CONTACT: Elizabeth

ryansnorthriver@hotmail.com ноsтеd ву: St. Ann's Bay United Church



WHYCOCOMAGH GATHERING

Blazin' Fiddles Sarah & Mary Elizabeth MacInnis Janelle & James Boudreau

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Whycocomagh Education Centre, Whycocomagh • 7:30рм • \$40/35

Whycocomagh Gathering is one of those Celtic Colours concerts that has a long history. Usually among the first concerts to sell out, regular Festival attendees know to expect a high-energy concert that will leave them exhilarated. Those high expectations will be met again this year at the Whycocomagh Education Centre with tunes and songs from Scottish and Cape Breton traditions. Tonight is your last chance to see Blazin' Fiddles. Featuring some of the hottest contemporary fiddle players from the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, nobody captures Scottish fiddle music's variety, energy, and sensitivity the way they do. Fiddler and dancer Janelle Boudreau from Arichat on Isle Madame has entertained visitors throughout Richmond County and at concerts and dances around the Island. Making her second appearance at Celtic Colours, she'll be accompanied by her father James on guitar. And with some songs and steps and tunes from West Mabou native Sarah MacInnis and her mother, Mary Elizabeth, this Whycocomagh Gathering sounds like a proper céilidh.

HOSTED BY Whycocomagh Volunteer Fire Department

19 & over; photo ID required

good time!

Nearby Meal: Whycocomagh Turkey



CONCERTS & CULTURAL EXPERIENCES







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MONDAY OCTOBER 9

MABOU FARMERS MARKET Mabou Arena, Mabou



11AM-2PM, FREE

This market boasts the best of rural produce, seafood, meats, honey, artisan products, baked goods, and more. CONTACT: maboufarmersmarket@qmail.com HOSTED BY: Mabou Farmers Market

ANNUAL MABOU THANKSGIVING DINNER St. Mary's Parish Hall (Mabou Hall)



11AM-1PM, SEE WEBSITE FOR PRICING

This community dinner serves up roast turkey with all the trimmings. First come first served, no reservations. HOSTED BY: St. Mary's Parish

WORKSHOP: LACE KNITTING BOLD Centre, Baddeck



1PM-4PM, \$50 MATERIALS INCLUDED

Create your own sample of lace knitting. A general knowledge of knitting is required. Registration is required. CONTACT: info@fibrefestival.ca HOSTED BY: South Haven Weavers Guild

CELTIC JAM SESSION



Whycocomagh Waterfront Centre, Whycocomagh

1:30pm-3:30pm, \$10 free for participants

Join host Shelly Campbell for a traditional tune session. Free admission to those who bring their own instruments. No reservations required. CONTACT: Burton 902-756-2769 burtonmacintyre@ns.sympatico.ca ноsted ву: Whycocomagh Waterfront Centre

THE MUSIC OF THE LANDSCAPE OF CAPE BRETON



Inverness County Centre for the Arts, **Inverness**

2рм-3:30рм, \$10

This interactive event features landscape paintings and photographs, musical interpretations, and discussion. CONTACT: Olivia 902-258-2533 HOSTED BY: Inverness County Centre for the Arts

ACADIAN COMMUNITY MEAL Club des Retraités, Chéticamp



4PM-7PM, \$40

This three-course meal serves chicken fricot with homemade rolls, Acadian meat pie with salad, and blueberry cake. CONTACT: Wanda 902-224-0056 curly@ns.sympactico.ca ноsтер ву: Club des Retraités

ST. ANN'S TURKEY DINNER Colaisde na Gàidhlig / The Gaelic College, St. Ann's



4:30pm-6pm, \$25

Enjoy a turkey dinner with mashed potato, seasonal vegetables, stuffing, gravy, pumpkin pie, and tea or coffee. CONTACT: 902-295-3442 · 902-295-3411 ноsтер ву: Colaisde na Gàidhliq/ The Gaelic College

ACADIAN CULINARY EXPERIENCE Centre de la Mi-Carême, Grand Étang



5рм-7рм, \$45

Live music and locally-sourced ingredients make this three-course meal of La soupe verte, Pâtés à la viande, and a Poutine au Beulevets, with tea or coffee extra special.

CONTACT: Joeleen 902-224-1016 direction@micareme.ca ноsтер ву: Société Mi-Carême

WHYCOCOMAGH TURKEY DINNER Whycocomagh Waterfront Centre, Whycocomagh



5PM-7PM, \$30

Roast turkey dinner with mashed potatoes, vegetables, stuffing, gravy, and all the trimmings, served in a charming lakeside community venue. CONTACT: 902-756-3580 ноsтер ву: Whycocomagh Waterfront Centre

GLENCOE FAMILY DANCE Glencoe Mills Hall, Glencoe Mills



9pm-12am, \$10

This dance is a long-standing tradition in the heart of the hills of Inverness County. Live music. All ages welcome. Just drop in.

ноsтер ву: Glencoe Mills Hall



UNAMA'KI MAWIO'MI: A CAPE **BRETON GATHERING**

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J.P. Cormier & Ray Legere John & Cailean MacLean & Kolten MacDonell Barn Bhreagh

Sarah Denny Cultural Center. Eskasoni • 2:00рм • \$35

Unama'ki is the Mi'kmaw name for Cape Breton Island, which has been home to the Mi'kmaq since time immemorial. Bringing together Celtic, Mi'kmaw, and Bluegrass music, today's Mawio'mi takes place in the First Nations community of Eskasoni, where the traditions of music, dancing, singing, drumming, and storytelling are held in the highest regard. Award-winning Mi'kmaw fiddler Morgan Toney is part of the group Barn Bhreagh, along with Keith Mullins and Isabella Samson, each award-winners in their own right. Multi-instrumentalists and singers J.P. Cormier and Ray Legere will bring a smile to your face when your jaw isn't dropped to the floor by their musical mastery. One of the finest pipers in the Cape Breton tradition, John MacLean, will light up the stage when he is joined by his guitar-playing son, Cailean, and Glencoe native Kolten MacDonell on piano. This is one of those gatherings that will have you bobbing your head and tapping your toes all afternoon!

ноsted by Eskasoni High School Travel Group

Nearby Meal: Eskasoni Turkey Dinner Page 26









FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Maggie MacInnes Dwayne Côté Leanne Aucoin & Stephanie MacDonald & Susan MacLean & Malcolm MacNeil

St. Matthew-Wesley United Church, Leitches Creek • 2:00pm • \$35

Whether it starts with studying together at Colaisde na Gàidhlig / The Gaelic College as youngsters or develops during sessions around the Island, music is the foundation of many friendships. It makes connections for us between friends and among family members. And there always seems to be family around when you're from a place like Cape Breton Island. Music clearly runs deep in families here, and that is true of each artist performing at this afternoon's matinee. Maggie MacInnes of Glasgow sings Gaelic songs that were passed down in her family for generations and will be performing with her son, Calum Park, and Anna Massie at the Festival this year. Cape Breton fiddler and composer Dwayne Côté was raised in a family deeply-rooted in all aspects of Cape Breton, Irish, and Scottish music traditions. Leanne Aucoin, Stephanie MacDonald, and Susan MacLean were also raised in families steeped in Cape Breton music and tradition. The friends also share a few musical relatives among them, and with guitarist Malcolm MacNeil, whose father Sheumas plays with the Barra MacNeils.

HOSTED BY St. Matthew Wesley United Church

ASHOKAN FAREWELL

Shane Cook & The Woodchippers
Troy MacGillivray & Tracey
MacNeil & James MacLean
Jay Ungar & Molly Mason
Ian MacDougall
Dara MacDonald & Adam Young

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Judique Community Centre, Judique • 7:30 PM • \$35

"Ashokan Farewell" is one of those tunes that is so familiar it gets mistaken as traditional. Maybe that's because it was used in Ken Burns' documentary on the American Civil War. Or maybe it was Jerry Holland's recording in the 1990s that made it so familiar around here. Written in 1982 by Jay Ungar, "Ashokan Farewell" expresses the melancholy he felt as the music and dance camp he and his wife Molly Mason run was ending for the year. It's a fitting sentiment tonight. This is Jay and Molly's last show at the Festival this year. As we bid them a fond farewell, we welcome back Canadian and U.S. National fiddle champion Shane Cook along with his group The Woodchippers. Shane's old pal Troy MacGillivray will take the stage with Tracey MacNeil for a bit of a piano summit, backed by guitarist James MacLean. Fiddler Ian MacDougall and fiddle-piano duo Dara MacDonald and Adam Young will round out the tunes for

ноsтеd ву Judique Community Centre Development Association

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ACADIAN WELCOME

John Doyle Buddy MacDonald Nicole Deveau & Chester Delaney & Claude Bourgeois Vrï

D'Escousse Civic Improvement Hall, D'Escousse • 7:30pm • \$30/25

It's a beautiful drive to the Acadian community of D'Escousse, on Cape Breton's south coast. Connected by bridge to the rugged coast of Richmond County, D'Escousse is one of the main settlements on Isle Madame where Acadian traditions run deep. Expect some renowned Acadian hospitality, songs, and tunes tonight as Chéticamp trio Nicole Deveau, Chester Delaney, and Claude Bourgeois welcome visitors from Ireland (by way of North Carolina), Wales, and right here at home. With cello, violin, viola, and powerful harmonies, Vri sheds a vibrant, new light on the centuries-old folk traditions of Wales. Past Artists in Residence John Doyle and Buddy MacDonald will round things out with a few songs. The drive to D'Escousse can be a bit twisty and turny, but the scenery more than makes up for the time spent getting there. In fact, it's worth it to head to the concert early and take some time to explore the rocky, rugged coast of Isle Madame.

HOSTED BY D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society

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CAINNT IS CEATHRAMHAN: LANGUAGE AND LYRICS

Mary Jane Lamond Màiri Britton · Allan MacDonald Cathy Ann MacPhee Joanne MacIntyre Sarah MacInnis Colin & Lili Watson Hannah Krebs • Bradley Murphy Rose Morrison & Màiri Chaimbeul

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Highland Arts Theatre, Sydney • 7:30pm, \$45/40

Mary Jane Lamond and Màiri Britton have spent the last four years working as the chief project managers and researchers on Cape Breton University's Cainnt is Ceathramhan: Language and Lyrics project, which was a major inspiration for this year's Festival focus on languages. Over 6,000 Gaelic songs have been categorised, digitized, and made accessible through this project, resulting in an invaluable contribution to the preservation of Gaelic culture and heritage. They have even hosted "transcription frolics" to help facilitate the compilation of this database. Mary Jane and Màiri will be joined by an impressive lineup of Gaelic singers from Cape Breton, mainland Nova Scotia, and Scotland to share some of this repertoire at the Highland Arts Theatre, a lovely, soft-seat performance space nestled in the heart of Sydney's downtown.

CROSSING THE CAUSEWAY

Beòlach Rachel Walker & Aaron Jones

SAERC (Strait Area Education Recreation Centre), Port Hawkesbury • 7:30PM • \$50/40

You can almost see it from the venue of tonight's concert, the cherished Canso Causeway. The only road connecting Cape Breton Island to mainland Canada, it's a beacon of comfort for many. Nothing quite beats the warm feeling in your heart when you first see the green steel framing of the Causeway's swing bridge after a long stint away from home. Whether you cross the Causeway tonight or not, once you land in Port Hawkesbury, it's all about making the connection. Beòlach made their connection musically more than 20 years ago, when a dynamic group of solo performers came together for a late-night session during Celtic Colours. Rachel Walker and Aaron Jones will be getting ready to cross the Causeway in the other direction after the concert, as this is their last show at the Festival this year, so let's enjoy one more set of songs from this acclaimed Scottish duo before they go. Award-winning Québécois trio É.T.É. managed to make their Celtic Colours debut without crossing the Causeway, performing via video in 2020. They're here now and we look forward to their dynamic and contemporary vision of Québécois trad music, all wrapped up in rich vocal harmonies and

deep grooves.

CELTIC PUB

Hauler Villages The Woodshed

North Sydney Firefighters Club, North Sydney • 7:30pm, \$35

Monday night's a good night for the Pub, right? Whether you're up for drinks or not, tonight's Celtic Pub at the North Sydney Firefighters Club promises to be a good one. Hauler performed at the Festival for the first time last year and there was no doubt that we had to bring them back. Seamlessly blending and bending roots, rock, and traditional Cape Breton music, the trio—Steven MacDougall, Mike LeLievre, and Colin Grant—can have you hanging on every word one minute and knock you off your feet with a ripping set of tunes the next. Reviving the Cape Breton sound of their ancestry and mixing it with contemporary influences and instruments, Villages explores the haunting, meandering melodies of the Island, their compellingly fresh soundscape soaked in atmospheric arrangements. Hauler and Villages will extend a hearty welcome tonight to a newly-formed duo of songwriters from Alberta, The Woodshed, for their first performance at Celtic Colours. We appreciate that Tuesday is a work day for many so it won't be a late night. But if you find yourself in the mood for more merriment, the Festival Club is only a half hour away at Colaisde na Gàidhlig / The Gaelic College.

HOSTED BY North Sydney Firefighters Club

19 & Over; Photo ID required











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SOCK KNITTING WORKSHOP THREE-DAY EVENT



Scotsville School of Crafts, Scotsville

October 9, 11, 13

1PM-3PM • \$45 MATERIALS INCLUDED

This workshop takes three sessions to

complete-Monday, Wednesday, and

Friday—during which you will learn

start-to-finish how to knit a pair of

socks with instructor Pat LeBlanc.

CONTACT: Verna 902-258-2278

ноsтер ву: Lake Ainslie Weavers &

SHARING STORIES: MI'KMAW CULTURE - SMUDGE La Rigouèche, Chéticamp Visitor Centre, Chéticamp



2PM, FREE WITH PARK PASS

Indigenous interpreter and Mi'kmaq Elder, Mary Louise Bernard, discusses the history and beliefs of the Mi'kmaq nation, describes some of the common medicinal plants used in smudge ceremonies, and explains their use. She will perform a smudge cleansing for herself and offer the opportunity for visitors to participate.

CONTACT: 902-224-2306 interpcb@pc.gc.ca

ноsтер ву: Cape Breton Highlands

National Park



Lennox Passage Provincial Park, Martinique

10am-12:30pm, \$20 per person

A guided driving and walking tour that shines a light on the history and geography of Isle Madame. Visit lighthouses past and present to hear stories and interviews about lightkeepers and their lives. CONTACT: Marq 902-227-8303 marqareteherdman@yahoo.ca HOSTED BY: Isle Madame Lighthouse **Preservation Society**

GUIDED HIKE IN THE NATIONAL PARK: **SALMON POOLS**



Salmon Pools Trailhead, Chéticamp

10AM, FREE WITH PARK PASS

Join Parks Canada staff for a 9.5 km return, 15-100 metre elevation, 3-4 hour walk through vibrant Acadian forest along the bottom of the Chéticamp River Canyon, amidst 400 metre cliffs. Suitable for most skill levels. Short climbs. Some rocky sections. Bring your water and a snack.

CONTACT: 902-224-2306 interpcb@pc.gc.ca

ноsтер ву: Cape Breton Highlands

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WORKSHOP: FELTING BOLD Centre, Baddeck

1PM-4PM, \$50 MATERIALS INCLUDED

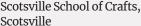
Participants will be able to create a small felted decoration / bookmark. No equipment or previous felting experience needed. Registration is required.

CONTACT: info@fibrefestival.ca ноsтер ву: South Haven Weavers Guild

BASIC CROCHETING **WORKSHOP**

Craft Guild

vernamacm@gmail.com.



1:30pm-3pm, \$25 materials included

Beginners welcome in this hands-on workshop with Mable MacFarlane. Instruction and all supplies to start a small project included.

CONTACT: Verna 902-258-2278 vernamacm@gmail.com

HOSTED BY: Lake Ainslie Weavers & Craft Guild

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING **WORKSHOP**



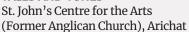
1:30PM-3:30PM, \$10

Spend the afternoon learning a fun social dance style in this Scottish Country Dance Workshop, with tea and treats to share. Just drop in. CONTACT: Dianne 902-525-2334

новтер ву: Richmond MacAdian

Ceilidh Dancers

TALES AND TUNES





A gathering in a beautiful heritage venue for the sharing of some local stories and songs, and light refreshments. Drop in.

CONTACT: Marg 902-227-8303 margareteherdman@yahoo.ca ноsтер ву: Friends of St. John's Arichat

JOHN ALLAN CAMERON SONG SESSION



Glencoe Station Hall, Glencoe Station

2PM-4PM, \$15

Gather in the community that is the birthplace of John Allan Cameron, to celebrate songs of Canada's Godfather of Celtic music. Sing along! Doors open at 1:30.

CONTACT: Lisa 902-631-4686 organ@seasidehighspeed.com HOSTED BY: Glencoe Station Recreation Association



Have some dinner before your show, spend an afternoon enjoying lunch, or grab some breakfast to start your travels.

The **Community Meals** offer an opportunity to break bread together and share a home-cooked meal.



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ACADIAN MEAT PIE SUPPER OLA Parish Hall, Arichat



Two sittings: 4pm & 5:15pm, \$22

Enjoy homemade Acadian meat pie, served with salad, tea or coffee, and dessert. Two sittings available at 4pm and 5:15pm. Less than 10 minute drive to the nearby concert in D'Escousse. CONTACT: Doreen 902-631-2531 ноsтер ву: Friends of Notre-Dame de

SEAFOOD CHOICES DINNER Celtic Music Interpretive Centre, Judique



4:30PM-7PM, MENU PRICING

Next door to the concert in Judique, enjoy seafood options and live music. No reservations, first come first served. CONTACT: 902-787-2708 HOSTED BY: Celtic Music Interpretive Centre

ESKASONI TURKEY DINNER Allison Bernard Memorial High School, Eskasoni



5:00PM, \$25

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Enjoy a home-cooked meal of roast turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetables, and all the trimmings. Proceeds support the community's high school Interac travel group. Just a few minutes from the afternoon matinee concert in Eskasoni CONTACT: Newell newell.johnson@eskasonischool.com

BROOK VILLAGE SOUARE DANCE Brook Village Hall, Brook Village

HOSTED BY: Eskasoni Interac Club



9:30PM-12:30AM, \$10

This lively and fun dance in Brook Village is an adult square dance for those aged 19 and over. It is a licensed event with bar and canteen on site. Live music with Rodney MacDonald and Glenn Graham on fiddles, Patrick Gillis on guitar, and Howie MacDonald on piano. CONTACT: Jeff bretonshirefarms@gmail.com ноsтер ву: Brook Village Social Committee



COAL TOWN CÉILIDH

Maggie MacInnes Mckayla MacNeil & Sheumas & Malcolm MacNeil Décota McNamara & Jeremy Finney

Calvin United Church, New Waterford 2:00PM • \$30

On the Atlantic coast of Cape Breton County, New Waterford has long been known for its love of music. Many of the town's settlers came from Ireland and found work in the coal mines established: there around the turn of the twentieth century. The collapse of the mining industry in Inverness County in the 1950s prompted many of that county's Scottish descendants to make their way to New Waterford looking for work. With great pride in their Scottish and Irish roots, folks in this former coal-mining community never miss an opportunity to gather for an afternoon of tunes. So, it's only fitting that we should have a little céilidh here this afternoon. Ioin singer Maggie MacInnes, accompanied by Anna Massie and Calum Park, as she enchants the room with Gaelic songs. Fiddler Mckayla MacNeil will fill the church with traditional Cape Breton tunes accompanied by Sheumas MacNeil and Malcolm MacNeil who have roots in the coal mining town of Sydney Mines. Multi-instrumentalists Décota McNamara and Jeremy Finney complete the céilidh with their mix of original and reimagined tunes and songs.

HOSTED BY Calvin United Church



Shane Cook & The Woodchippers É.T.É

The Pellerin Brothers Maureen Fraser Christine Doucet

& Sylvie Aucoin Melanie MacDonald Amélie Larade Donna Marie DeWolfe & Mac Morin

Keith, Kyle, and Colin MacDonald

Strathspey Performing Arts Centre, Mabou • 7:30pm • \$40/35

It is well-established that dance tradition is an important, if not defining, influence on Cape Breton's traditional music. The rhythm and pace of the tunes is determined by the steps of the dancers. In Cape Breton step dancing, all the movement is below the waist with the arms kept as still as possible. The feet barely leave the floor, and the heel is never higher than the toe. This is known as "close to the floor" and it's the best compliment a Cape Breton step dancer can get. Tonight's concert brings together a mix of styles and dancers from Cape Breton's Scottish and Acadian traditions, Antigonish County, Quebec, and Ontario, backed by some of the best players you could hope for.

HOSTED BY Chestico Museum & Historical Society





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IN THE BLOOD

Diane Cannon Matt MacIsaac Doug Lamey & Sarah MacInnis

Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site, Baddeck • 7:30pm • \$35

For some folks, the music is simply "in the blood" and that's certainly the case with tonight's lineup. Both Buddy MacMaster and Bill Lamey carved a path for today's generation of violinists. We know how proud they would be when two generations later, their kin have taken up the mantle and continued on in the Gaelic tradition. It's clear that the music is in the blood with their descendants, fiddler Doug Lamey, who released his latest album this past winter, and Gaelic singer, piano player, and step dancer Sarah MacInnis. Matt MacIsaac was born into music, coming from a piping family in St. Peters, Richmond County. Matt started playing whistle and pipes when he was 10 years old, and he has gone on to perform and record with Natalie MacMaster and Beòlach, as well as winning medals in competition and travelling with Royal Canadian Air Force competitive pipe bands. Irish singer Diane Cannon comes from the heart of the Donegal Gaeltacht, where she inherited her musical talents from both sides of her family. All four grandparents were accomplished musicians and singers and Diane has followed in their footsteps.

HOSTED BY Alexander Graham Bell Museum Association

DEEP ROOTS

J.P. Cormier & Ray Legere John & Cailean MacLean & Kolten MacDonell Rose Morrison & Ryan MacNeil

Riverdale Community Centre, Lower River Inhabitants • 7:30pm • \$35

The community of Lower River Inhabitants in Richmond County has deep roots going back some 400 years. The performers in tonight's concert also have deep roots—in music, culture, and tradition—that they will draw upon when they take the stage at the Riverdale Community Centre. As multiple award-winning, in-demand musicians, J.P. Cormier and Ray Legere have a few things in common, including fiddle, mandolin, guitar, and a background playing music with deep roots like Celtic, country, and bluegrass. John MacLean is renowned for his mastery of traditional folk/ Gaelic piping, a style that traces its roots back centuries in Scotland and to the earliest Scottish settlers on Cape Breton. His son Cailean shares those roots and, with Kolten MacDonell on piano, will accompany John on guitar. For more than 20 years, Rose Morrison has been planting her own musical roots, and she's sown them pretty deeply performing, touring, and recording professionally since she was 11 years old. The fiddler, singer, and songwriter will be performing tonight with piano player Ryan MacNeil who grew up in Sydney Mines surrounded by the music of his family— The Barra MacNeils.

ноsted by Riverdale Community Centre

DANCING IN THE AISLES

Nicolas Boulerice & Olivier Demers & Robert Deveaux Brenda Stubbert & Tracey Bailey Brent Aucoin & Joël Chiasson

Our Lady of Fatima Church, Sydney River • 7:30pm • \$30/25

While Sundays in church are traditionally reserved for religious reflection, we're thinking dancing in the aisles might catch on as a Tuesday tradition after tonight's concert! With his impeccable timing, Sydney Mines fiddler Brent Aucoin is sure to tempt some to jump up and show their steps. He'll be accompanied by Chéticamp native Joël Chiasson on piano, who has been known to step it off himself from time to time. Robert Deveaux is also from Chéticamp. A fiddler, piano player, and singer, he is passionate about traditional Acadian song and is considered to be an important guardian of this living tradition. Tonight he's teamed up with Nicolas Boulerice and Olivier Demers from Le Vent du Nord to present a collection of nearly-forgotten songs from Acadian settlers of the Chéticamp area. Coming from a family of well-known musicians—including her mother, Brenda Stubbert, and grandfather, Robert Stubbert—Tracey Bailey has been dancing her whole life. She will join her mother Brenda in this concert and share her unique style of dance, deeplyrooted in the Cape Breton tradition and influenced by the teaching and dancing of others.

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THE KEY TO OUR HEARTS: A MUSICAL JOURNEY THROUGH THE CAPE BRETON **UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES** Cape Breton University, Sydney



11:30AM-1PM, FREE

Learn about the Beaton Institute, the musical collections archived there, and projects like Language and Lyrics, as musicians Bradley Murphy and Màiri Britton share their own musical journey through these archival recordings, and the stories behind them.

CONTACT: Heather heather_sparling@cbu.ca HOSTED BY: Cape Breton University

COW BAY CÉILIDH

Buddy MacDonald & Rachel Davis Mama's Broke • The Woodshed

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Port Morien Legion / Community Centre, Port Morien • 7:30PM • \$35

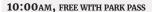
One could argue that fiddle is fundamental to a céilidh, while others might say song is the glue that holds it all together. So, we made sure there was plenty of both tonight mixed in with great story telling and song writing. As the late Cape Breton legend John Allan Cameron famously sang, "Songs take on new meaning boys, it's getting dark again." How fitting it is then to have the man who wrote that song at the céilidh tonight. Cape Breton icon Buddy MacDonald will be joined by frequent collaborator and good pal Rachel Davis on fiddle for some laughs, and probably a song and tune or two. Mama's Broke draws on diverse influences from oldtime, Quebecois, and Celtic traditions to Balkan, blues, punk, and doom metal. With their haunting harmonies and a handful of instruments between them, they'll have you questioning the boundaries of tradition and the constraints of genre. John Wort Hannam and T. Buckley have been writing songs together since 2017 and have just come together in a duo as The Woodshed. They will have you on the edge of your seat as they debut their ensemble at Celtic Colours this year. Their brotherly harmonies, gutsy and sophisticated song writing, and intricate guitar playing is just the thing to complete this céilidh.

HOSTED BY Port Morien Development Association 10AM-12:30PM, \$20 PER PERSON

GUIDING LIGHTS OF

A guided driving and walking tour that shines a light on the history and geography of Isle Madame. Visit lighthouses past and present and hear stories and interviews about lightkeepers and their lives. сонтаст: Магд 902-227-8303 margareteherdman@yahoo.ca HOSTED BY: Isle Madame Lighthouse Preservation Society

GUIDED HIKE IN THE NATIONAL PARK: CORNEY BROOK Corney Brook Trail, Chéticamp



Join Parks Canada staff for a two hour, 6.5 km, 30-170 metre elevation hike to the Corney Brook Waterfall, through an Acadian hardwood forest in a river canyon. Suitable for most skill levels. Bring your water and a snack.

CONTACT: 902-224-2306 interpcb@pc.qc.ca

HOSTED BY: Cape Breton Highlands National Park

DANCE DIALECTS West Mabou Hall, Mabou

10:30AM-12PM, \$15

A unique and informative exploration of percussive dance dialects from different regions of the world, featuring guest Festival artists.

w.mabou.entertainment@gmail.com HOSTED BY: West Mabou Hall

PUZZLE CUTTING DEMONSTRATION AND WORKSHOP

Scotsville School of Crafts, Scotsville

1PM-3PM, DONATION

In this demonstration and workshop by Melinda Shebell of Jardin Puzzles you will learn about the history of the jigsaw puzzle, see a demonstration of how it is made, and try your hand at cutting. (For those with experience using a scroll saw, there are also limited slots to preregister for advanced instruction.)

сонтаст: Verna 902-258-2278 vernamacm@gmail.com.

HOSTED BY: Lake Ainslie Weavers & Craft Guild

TRADITIONAL CÉILIDH Baile nan Gàidheal / Highland Village, Iona





2PM-3PM, MUSEUM ADMISSION APPLIES

Come for a visit and learn the true meaning of the word céilidh! In the setting of the living history museum, the animators will share songs, stories, and music, and chat about the traditions and history of Nova Scotia's Gaelic speaking people.

CONTACT: 902-725-2272 ноsтер ву: Baile nan Gàidheal / Highland Village















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STORY TELLING: AN STRUGPAG - COME FOR TEA Chestico Museum, Port Hood



2рм, \$10

You are invited to share a cup of tea and discover the important role this drink has played in local Cape Breton culture.

CONTACT: Joanne 902–787–2244 chesticomuseum@ns.aliantzinc.ca HOSTED BY: Chestico Museum & Historical Society

BEHIND THE MUSICCeltic Music Interpretive Centre,
Judique



3PM-4:30PM, DONATION

Learn about the 50-year history of the Cape Breton Fiddlers' Association and hear the stories behind the music.

CONTACT: 902-787-2708

ноsтеd ву: Celtic Music Interpretive Centre

PORT HOOD ROAST BEEF DINNER St. Peter's Parish Hall, Port Hood



4рм-6:30рм, \$25

Hot roast beef dinner with mashed potatoes, carrots, turnip, chow, roll and a delicious assortment of home-made pies (apple, lemon, and butterscotch). Eat-in or take-out.

CONTACT: Joe 902-227-5697
HOSTED BY: KOC Port Hood (St. Peter's Council)

TRADITIONAL IRISH STEW Rocky Bay Irish Club, Rocky Bay



4:30рм-6рм, \$20

Enjoy home-cooked traditional hearty Irish stew, with dessert, tea or coffee, and live Irish music.

CONTACT: Catherine Mae 902-631-1555 cathermae57@hotmail.com HOSTED BY: Rocky Bay Irish Club

HAM & POTATO SALAD SUPPER St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall, Port Morien



4:30рм-6:30рм, \$20

A classic church hall community meal of baked ham and potato salad, with dessert and tea or coffee.

contact: Norma 902-737-1518

ноsтер ву: St. Paul's Anglican Church Women



IRON MINES MATINEE

Donna Marie DeWolfe & Allan Dewar The Woodshed Colin & Lili Watson

L'Arche Cape Breton Gathering Place, Iron Mines • 2:00pm • \$35

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The Iron Mines Matinee was added to the Celtic Colours lineup of concerts last year at L'Arche Cape Breton Gathering Place, just off the Trans-Canada Highway in Inverness County. The venue, which opened in 2018, certainly lives up to its name and proved to be an ideal spot to gather for some music on an October afternoon. The Iron Mines Matinee returns this year with local players and Gaelic singers hosting a newly-formalized duo from "out west". Fiddler Donna Marie DeWolfe and pianist Allan Dewar will be performing together, showcasing their Cape Breton roots and connections. The Woodshed, an Alberta-based songwriting duo, will be making their musical debut at the Festival this year. John Wort Hannam and T. Buckley offer a beautiful vocal blend of harmonies combined with gutsy and sophisticated songwriting and intricate guitar playing. Brother and sister Colin and Lili Watson were heavily influenced by Gaelic language and culture growing up on Cape Breton Island and today they proudly sing in the language. This is a concert about community and connection that you won't want to miss!

HOSTED BY L'Arche Cape Breton

□ A CHÉTICAMP SOIRÉE

Nicolas Boulerice & Olivier Demers & Robert Deveaux Matt MacIsaac Delores Boudreau

La Place des arts Père Anselme Chiasson, Chéticamp • 7:30pm • \$35/30

Chéticamp is home to a vibrant culture, rich traditions, and an abundance of music and dance, so evening parties and gatherings are hosted throughout the year in this Acadian community on Cape Breton's north western coast. Nicolas Boulerice and Olivier Demers, of popular Quebec group Le Vent du Nord, met Chéticamp fiddler Robert Deveaux almost ten years ago during a Celtic Colours concert in Petit-de-Grat. They discovered common threads in songs from their respective French traditions in Quebec and Cape Breton, and Robert began sharing songs of early Acadian settlers. This led to Nicolas and Olivier performing many nearly forgotten Chéticamp songs both as a duo and with Le Vent du Nord. Those songs will find their way home tonight when the three team up onstage at La Place des arts Père Anselme Chiasson. Singersongwriter Delores Boudreau, from the Isle Madame community of Arichat, will add her lively, upbeat, bluegrassinspired songs to the mix and multiinstrumentalist Matt MacIsaac will play some tunes with a twist on the bagpipes.

ноsтер ву Le Conseil des arts de Chéticamp

Nearby Meal: Acadian Community Meal; Acadian Culinary Experience **Page 33**



CONCERTS





LOUISBOURG CROSSROADS

Shane Cook & The Woodchippers Roger Stone Aidan, Cameron, and Emma MacNeil

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Louisbourg Playhouse, Louisbourg • 7:30PM • \$40/35/30

A cultural crossroads for centuries, the scenic town of Louisbourg hosts our annual Louisbourg Crossroads concert. When you arrive in the quaint town, you find the sea heavy in the salty air. As you are welcomed in the doors of the town's Playhouse, you're greeted by gracious staff and find yourself in such an intimate venue that it feels like you can reach out and touch the performers on the stage. The Louisbourg Playhouse is the next best thing to a house ceilidh that we can offer, and we promise your kitchen never sounded this good. One of North America's top fiddlers, Shane Cook will be joined by the Woodchippers. Together, they make up an incredible group of multi-instrumentalists, singers, and step dancers. Awardwinning pipers Aidan and Cameron MacNeil will be joined by their sister Emma on piano for a blast of tunes, and Celtic Colours veteran Roger Stone will share some songs to round out this evening in the Playhouse.

ноsтер ву Louisbourg Playhouse Society

GÀIDHLIG ANNS DA' GHLEANN: GAELIC IN THE GLEN

Maggie MacInnes Còisir an Eilein Brian MacDonald & Hilda Chiasson Derrick & Melody Cameron

St. Mary of the Angels Community Hall, Glendale • 7:30PM • \$30

There's a céilidh in the glen tonight! Known for generous hospitality and enduring Gaelic customs, Glendale residents hold their culture in high regard. From céilidhs at the hall to legendary house parties down the road in Kingsville, Glendale is one place on the Island that takes it to a whole new level. Harpist and Gaelic singer from Scotland, Maggie MacInnes, will be performing tonight with the wonderful Anna Massie (Blazin' Fiddles) and Maggie's son, Calum Park, who both play fiddle and guitar and provide backing vocals. Coisir an Eilein (The Island Chorus) is a beautiful Gaelic choir that will tug at your heartstrings, adding their voices to the programme. Fiddler Brian MacDonald will be sharing his musical heritage along with one of the most in-demand pianists of our time, Hilda Chiasson. Tonight is your only opportunity to see Festival regulars Derrick and Melody Cameron playing in their sixteenth Celtic Colours this year. Don't miss out!

HOSTED BY Glendale and Area Community Cooperative

WAY UP DOWN NORTH

Béla Fleck & Abigail Washburn J.P. Cormier & Ray Legere

North Highlands Elementary, Aspy Bay • 7:30PM • \$30

It may sound strange at first, but many locals refer to northern Cape Breton as "down north". The seemingly counterintuitive term is a leftover from the days of sailing ships when vessels were carried north by the winds of the Gulf Stream. These days we travel mostly by road, and a trip down north will take you along the breathtakingly beautiful Cabot Trail. Whether on the clockwise route north from Chéticamp, or coming through the Ingonish area on the east side of the Island, you will be rewarded with magnificent views of the Cape Breton Highlands and the rocky shore below. Once you arrive at Aspy Bay, on the northern tip of Cape Breton Island, you are in for a real treat. Grammy Award winning duo Béla Fleck and Abigail Washburn, who have been called "the king and queen of the banjo", present music that feels wildly innovative and familiar at the same time. They will share the stage tonight with another pair of versatile, highly-acclaimed masters of stringed instruments, J.P. Cormier and Ray Legere. And you thought the scenery on the way to the concert would be the most spectacular part of your day!

HOSTED BY North Highlands Elementary Home and School

Nearby Meals: Lobster & Crab Supper; Top of the Island Turkey Dinner **Page 33**











WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11

CONCERT BY THE CANAL

Villages • Jordan Musycsyn Mama's Broke

St. Peter's Lions Hall, St. Peter's • 7:30PM • \$35/30

Located on the south coast of Cape Breton Island, St. Peter's Canal is North America's oldest tidal lock, linking the Atlantic Ocean to the sparkling Bras d'Or Lake. Permanent construction on the Canal, which was a traditional Mi'kmaq portage route for centuries, began in 1854 and took 15 years to complete. In 1929, the canal was designated a national historic site in Canada. And in 2002, the historic village of St. Peter's became a valued partner of Celtic Colours, hosting concerts and cultural events ever since. The lineup for tonight's Concert by the Canal is a nod to both the past and the present. While Villages' past as a band reflects an indie-rock vibe, their present sound returns to their Cape Breton roots, mixed with contemporary influences and instruments. Masterful storyteller Jordan Musycsyn writes timeless songs about life and love in a modern folksy style that resonates with audiences of all ages. Mama's Broke is a powerful folk duo that draws from a variety of styles to create a soundscape that is both familiar and new. Their compelling performances are filled with heart, raw energy, and haunting harmonies.

HOSTED BY Village on the Canal Association

HOMETOWN CÉILIDH

Barn Bhreagh Rachel Davis & Darren McMullen & Zakk Cormier Breen | Rynne | Murray

Inverary Resort - MacAulay Conference Centre, Baddeck • 7:30PM • \$40

Five nights down, four to go. Seems like a reasonable enough milestone to mark with a night out on the town. Why not hit up the Hometown Céilidh for some music and drinks with friends? It's a real hometown céilidh for fiddler and singer Rachel Davis who was born and raised in Baddeck. Rachel will be in familiar company with Darren McMullen: on a variety of stringed instruments and : Zakk Cormier on guitar. It's a hometown céilidh of sorts for Keith Mullins too, who settled in Baddeck more recently and built a recording studio in his backyard. He called it Barn Bhreagh Studios, perhaps an homage to the local landmark. The band came together when fiddler Morgan Toney and singer Isabella Samson were each working on solo albums with the award-winning producer and multi-instrumentalist at his studio. The hometown crew is excited to welcome the acclaimed Irish trio Breen | Rynne | Murray. Fiddle and flute player Tara Breen performed for the Festival with Nuala Kennedy via video in 2020, and guitarist Jim Murray was here in the early years with Sharon Shannon, but tonight is the first chance to see them in a trio with fellow virtuoso Pádraig Rynne on concertina.

💶 19 & Over; Photo ID required

BETTY'S KEY PLAYERS

Betty Beaton · Andrea Beaton Allison Beaton • Tracey MacNeil Troy MacGillivray • Mac Morin Jackie Dunn MacIsaac · Joël Chiasson • Mary Elizabeth MacInnis · Sarah MacInnis Kate Quinn & Tyler Key Kenneth MacKenzie • Jenny MacKenzie · Harvey Beaton Glenn Graham · Rodney MacDonald · Patrick Gillis

Strathspey Performing Arts Centre, Mabou • 7:30 рм • \$40/35

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For almost 80 years, Ms. Betty Beaton (nee MacMaster) has entertained audiences, and fiddlers too, throughout Cape Breton Island and beyond with her delightful piano stylings and wonderful smile. A masterful pianist who learned by ear, Betty's distinct, flowing accompaniment has been featured on numerous albums and recordings, and her talent has earned international acclaim. Coming from the MacMaster clan, Betty was surrounded not only by the best of Celtic music but by many siblings who also played piano for big brother Buddy. At this concert in the heart of Mabou, family, friends, and admirers come together for an unforgettable experience in this special tribute to Betty Lou Beaton.

ноsted by Dalbrae Academy Student Council

Nearby Meal: Salmon or Ham Dinner Page 33



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES



WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11



Check pages 10-13 for recurring community events to find today's options in your area.

BREAKFAST IN THE SOUTHWEST South West Margaree (St. Joseph's Parish) Hall



9:30am-11:30am, \$15

Enjoy a delicious homestyle breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, fried potatoes, rolls, biscuits, tea, coffee, inice

CONTACT: Mary 902-248-2317 HOSTED BY: St. Joseph's Parish Hall Committee

CELTIC WALKScotsville School of Crafts,
Scotsville



10AM-12PM, DONATION

Enjoy a leisurely stroll along the Southwest Margaree as your guides teach you aspects of Gaelic culture and history. This walk is on a level gravel road by the river edge, surrounded by maple-sloped mountains.

CONTACT: Verna 902-258-2278

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vernamacm@gmail.com
HOSTED BY: Lake Ainslie Weavers &
Craft Guild

GUIDED HIKE IN THE NATIONAL PARK: MACINTOSH BROOK MacIntosh Brook Day Use Area, Pleasant Bay

10AM, FREE WITH PARK PASS

Join Parks Canada staff for an easy, 1.7 km return, one hour, fairly level (30-65 metre elevation) stroll along a babbling brook, through old growth Acadian hardwood forest to a small waterfall. Suitable for most skill levels. Uneven trail surface in some places.

CONTACT: 902-224-2306 interpcb@pc.qc.ca

ноsтер ву: Cape Breton Highlands

National Park

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11

FLY TYING DEMONSTRATION Scotsville School of Crafts, Scotsville



10am-3pm, donation

Learn about the art of tying flies for fishing fresh and salt water, from Wayne Brightman of Isaac's Harbour. Drop in. CONTACT: Verna 902-258-2278 vernamacm@gmail.com
HOSTED BY: Lake Ainslie Weavers & Craft Guild

MI'KMAQ DANCE AND SONG, ALONG THE RIVER Skye River Trail, We'koqma'q First Nation

11AM, \$20

Meander along the stunning 1.5km Skye River Trail and experience demonstrations and stories of traditional Mi'kmaq dances. Enjoy the beauty, learn about the culture, and participate in the Friendship Dance. CONTACT: Ella 902-756-3191 ellanicholas@waycobah.ca

SHARING STORIES: MI'KMAW CULTURE -SWEET DISCOVERY MacIntosh Brook Day Use Area, Pleasant Bay

11:30AM, FREE WITH PARK PASS

Listen to park interpreter Mary Louise Bernard share the story of Sismoqnapui Skwe'j, the Sweetwater Maiden. Based on oral history, Sweetwater Maiden shares the Mi'kmaw story of the discovery of maple syrup. Take a short walk to the interpretive panels along MacIntosh Brook trail.

contact: 902-224-2306 interpcb@pc.gc.ca Hosted By: Cape Breton Highlands National Park





WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11

HOT AND HEARTY LUNCH Lake Ainslie Weavers & Craft Guild Scotsville

12PM-1PM, \$10

Indulge in hearty homemade soup and biscuits followed by home-baked apple crumble with ice cream, and tea or coffee. Made from fresh, locally-grown ingredients.

contact: Verna 902-258-2278 vernamacm@gmail.com

ноsтеd ву: Scotsville School of Crafts

CELTIC CONVERSATIONS McConnell Library, Sydney



12:30PM-1:30PM, FREE

This series features guest Festival artists who will share their stories, music, and conversation in a family-friendly setting. CONTACT: tmacneil@cbrl.ca
HOSTED BY: Cape Breton Regional Library

MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE North Highlands Community Museum, Cape North



1PM-4PM, DONATION

Tour this charming community museum to learn about life in the highlands of Cape Breton, and hear from local artisans and volunteers demonstrating traditional skills.

contact: 902–383–2579 nhco2579@gmail.com HOSTED BY: North Highlands Community Museum



Cape Breton Island's scenery is truly magical, so we've added a series of **Outdoor Events**. Guided Walks and Hikes will put you in the fresh air.













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SOUNDS AND SUPPER BY THE SEA Lobsters R Us, L'Ardoise



1PM-5PM, \$47

Ceilidh begins at 1pm followed by a traditional 1½ lb lobster dinner with salad, dessert, and coffee or tea at 3pm. Optional ham dinner for those that

CONTACT: Harold 1-873-355-6410 lardoisemensclub75@qmail.com ноѕтер ву: L'Ardoise Men's Club

TOGAIBH FONN An Drochaid, Mabou





2рм, \$10

A presentation on "Gaelic Singers of Mabou and Their Songs: 1900-2000" by Lorrie MacKinnon. Learn about the wealth of singers from the Mabou area, hear samples of their songs, and learn a few choruses.

CONTACT: Margie mberiskay@gmail.com ноsted ву: Mabou Gaelic & Historical Society / Comunn Gàidhlig agus Eachdraidh Mhàbu

LEARN TO FLY FISH The Old Miller Trout Farm,





Margaree Forks

2PM-4PM, FREE

Drop in to this family-friendly event and try fly casting. There will be coaching provided by members of the Margaree Salmon Association. No reservations required.

CONTACT: margareesalmon@gmail.com ноsтер ву: Margaree Salmon Association

TRADITIONAL TUNES SESSION Cape Breton University, Sydney



3PM-5PM, FREE

Players and listeners alike are invited to join students, faculty, and guest artists for a jam session in the Rotary Music Performance space. Drop in, no reservations required.

contact: Heather heather sparling@cbu.ca

ноsted ву: Cape Breton University

TOP OF THE ISLAND TURKEY DINNER Bay St. Lawrence Community



4PM-6:30PM \$30

Enjoy a family favourite, home-cooked roast turkey dinner with an appetizer, dessert, and tea or coffee.

CONTACT: Amy 902-371-5358 ноsтер ву: Bay St. Lawrence Community Centre

LOBSTER AND CRAB SUPPER St. Andrew's Parish Hall, Neil's Harbour



4PM-6PM, \$35

Enjoy a locally-harvested lobster and half of a crab, served with potato salad, coleslaw, roll, beverage, and dessert. CONTACT: Dave 902-336-2546 dave.donovan@ns.sympatico.ca ноsтер ву: Neil's Harbour / New Haven Development Association

ACADIAN COMMUNITY MEAL Club des Retraités, Chéticamp





4РМ-**7**РМ, **\$40**

Savour a meal of chicken tricot with homemade rolls, and a second course of Acadian meat pie made of chicken and pork, served with cranberry sauce and a fresh green salad. Dessert is blueberry cake served with warm caramel sauce. CONTACT: Wanda 902-224-0056 curly@ns.sympactico.ca ноѕтер ву: Club des Retraités

LOUISBOURG ROAST **BEEF DINNER**



Calvin Memorial Hall, Louisbourg

4:30рм-6:00рм, \$24

Delicious roast beef, mashed potatoes, fresh vegetables, rolls, homemade pies, and tea or coffee.

CONTACT: Caroline 902-565-9183 ноsted ву: UCW, First United Louisbourg



SALMON OR HAM DINNER St. Mary's Parish Hall, Mabou



4:30pm-6pm, \$33

Steamed salmon served with white sauce, mashed potatoes, carrots, peas, coleslaw, tea or coffee, and dessert. Baked ham option also available. CONTACT: Dianne 902-945-2031 diannecox@nssympatico.ca HOSTED BY: Mabou Community/ St. Mary's Parish Hall Society

ACADIAN CULINARY EXPERIENCE Centre de la Mi-Carême, Grand Étang



5рм-7:30рм, \$**4**5

Enjoy live fiddle music while being served rich Acadian dishes. La soupe verte (Acadian vegetable soup with home-made bread), Pâtés à la viande (meat pie with local greens), Poutine au Beulevets (blueberry cake with brown sugar sauce), and tea or coffee. Locally-sourced ingredients for all three servings. Reservations must be made. CONTACT: Joeleen 902-224-1016

direction@micareme.ca HOSTED BY: Société Mi-Carême

DORYMAN SESSION





8:30pm-12am, free for a chéticamp soirée TICKET HOLDERS

Bring your instruments and voices, players and listeners are welcome to join in a tune session at a pub well-known for hosting local music, after the concert in Chéticamp.

CONTACT: 902-224-9909 ноsтер ву: La Sociéte St. Pierre

AFTER HOURS NORTH OF SMOKEY JAM SESSION



North Highlands Community Museum, Cape North

9:30PM, DONATION

Visitors and locals alike are invited to bring their instruments and voices for a jam session. Stop in following the concert in Aspy Bay.

CONTACT: 902-383-2579 nhco2579@gmail.com ноsтер ву: North Highlands Community Museum









EILEAN BRÈAGHA: BEAUTIFUL ISLAND

Malin Lewis Dawn & Margie Beaton & Ceila Cameron Lewis MacKinnon

Malagawatch Church - Highland Village, Iona • 2:00рм • \$35

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The beauty of Cape Breton Island needs no embellishment or exaggeration, but Cape Bretoners are always happy to talk about it just the same. Today's matinee will allow Festival-goers to take in stunning vistas of the Island with a unique view of all four counties. Rich in Gaelic heritage, the Iona area has maintained close ties to the roots of its Scottish settlers, and Baile nan Gàidheal / Highland Village has played an important role in maintaining that cultural heritage. The small, wooden Malagawatch Church, positioned high on the hill at the Village, is the perfect setting for an afternoon of music, and just right for welcoming Scottish multiinstrumentalist Malin Lewis to Cape Breton Island and Celtic Colours. Gaelic singer, poet, and past Artist in Residence Lewis MacKinnon, from Antigonish County, will join in on that welcome along with award-winning duo Dawn and Margie Beaton. Piano player and step dancer Ceila Cameron will take the stage with the Beaton sisters for some tunes and a few steps in her own Celtic Colours debut. Today's concert will remind us all there's so much more to this beautiful island than just the scenery.

ноsted by Nova Scotia Highland Village Society

GUITAR SUMMIT

J.P. Cormier Béla Fleck Anna Massie Ray Legere

Judique Community Centre, Judique 7:30PM · \$35

The Guitar Summit has become a staple of the Celtic Colours lineup each year and is one of the most anticipated concerts in a festival that boasts so many mustsee events. The Thursday night concert has, over the years, explored the everevolving role that this most ubiquitous of instruments has played in traditional music. Whether exploring sophisticated chording accompaniment, fullspeed-ahead finger and flat-picking tunes, flavourful harmony lines, or sympathetic and syncopated rhythmic structures, the Guitar Summit never fails to deliver dazzling results from the stage. Past Artist in Residence and Guitar Summit mainstay J.P. Cormier welcomes back Scottish string master Anna Massie—who hosted a Guitar Summit at Celtic Connections in Glasgow, Scotland, earlier this year. They shared the stage in Cape Breton a few times during the past twenty years and they're back at it tonight along with Ray Legere making his fourth appearance in the Summit. Fifteen-time Grammy Award-winning banjo phenom Béla Fleck rounds out this lineup for what promises to be a night to remember in Judique.

HOSTED BY Judique Community Centre **Development Association**

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BELLE CÔTE: THE BEAUTIFUL COAST

Breen | Rynne | Murray Isabella Samson The Woodshed

Cape Breton Highlands Academy, Belle Côte • 7:30pm • \$35/25

Promoted as Canada's Musical Coast, Inverness County has been lovingly described in tourism literature as "...a string of beautiful communities and majestic coastline vistas bound together by musical traditions. The music culture here is written into the story, written into the very fabric of the coastline. During harsh winters and trying times, music and dance were neither indulgence nor luxury, but rather survival. Music culture here is honest, authentic, and shared directly from the heart—this is a coast shaped by music." Gathering tonight on the musical coast are a virtuoso trio from Ireland, a duo of acclaimed songwriters from Alberta, and a young, award-winning singer-songwriter from Louisdale, Richmond County. They'll set the scene to music matching the breathtaking views. Belle Côte is located on the northwest coast of Inverness County. The drive to Belle Côté, north through the scenic Margaree Valley or south from the Chéticamp area in the Cape Breton Highlands, is well worth taking your time for.

ноsted by Margaree Area Development Association

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THE HILLS **ARE ALIVE**

Iarla Ó Lionáird & Tim Edey Mairi Rankin & Wendy MacIsaac & Mac Morin Roger Stone & Leona Burkey

St. Peter's Church, Ingonish Beach • 7:30рм • \$35

The rolling hills of the Cape Breton Highlands make for some of the most stunning views in the world. Situated north of Cape Smokey on the iconic Cabot Trail, this scenic drive and treasure trove of music has the makings of the trip of a lifetime. The St. Peter's Parish Church has been witness to many memorable moments in its more than 100-year history. And memories are sure to be made again tonight in this beautiful old church as the Highlands come to life with the sounds of fiddle, guitar, melodeon, piano, and song. With the strong Irish roots in Ingonish, it is only fitting that Ireland's renowned Iarla Ó Lionáird makes his Celtic Colours debut here tonight with the familiar figure of Tim Edey by his side. Mairi Rankin, Wendy MacIsaac, and Mac Morin will form a trio for the evening, delighting you with Cape Breton jigs and reels, a few steps, and maybe a laugh or two. Richmond County natives Roger Stone and Leona Burkey performed as a duo at the Festival last year and they're back again, blending their masterful musicianship and hometown harmonies for a double shot of Cape Breton troubadour charm tonight north of Smokey.

HOSTED BY St. Peter's Parish CWL

UNITED IN MUSIC

Howie MacDonald & Beverly MacLean & Aaron Lewis Matt MacIsaac Mary Frances Leahy & Troy MacGillivray

United Protestant Church of Sydney River, Sydney River • 7:30PM • \$35/30

This lineup will make for a magical evening in the United Protestant Church of Sydney River. As new and old melodies soar and swell around you, you'll be wishing that time could stand still and that the music would go on and on. Howie MacDonald, a well-respected fiddler and piano player will play alongside Beverly MacLean, an established fiddler and piano accompanist, and multiinstrumentalist Aaron Lewis. Still in her teens, Mary Frances Leahy has established herself as a fiddler, pianist, dancer, and composer who's developing her own style, rooted in her Celtic heritage but also heavily influenced by jazz and Latin sounds. Past Artist in Residence Troy MacGillivray joins Mary Frances as she makes her Celtic Colours debut tonight as a solo artist. And Matt MacIsaac completes the evening with a set of tunes on the bagpipes. Everyone on stage tonight is an accomplished player of more than one instrument. It will be exciting to see them all united in music for one big session of a finale.

HOSTED BY Men's Brotherhood-United Protestant Church of Sydney River

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BIG TIME IN BADDECK

Villages Andrea Beaton & Tracey MacNeil & Chris Babineau Mama's Broke

Inverary Resort - MacAulay Conference Centre, Baddeck • 7:30pm • \$40

It may not be the weekend yet, but a big time awaits you in Baddeck nonetheless! This 19+ concert offers you the option to have a few drinks with friends while watching musicians give their all on stage. This concert has a wonderful balance of traditional and modern music, appealing to all listeners. Andrea, Tracey, and Chris are known as some of the best musicians of their generation. They are always up for a good time and the fantastic music that comes with it. Villages has returned to their roots by reviving the Cape Breton sound of their ancestors, fusing it with modern inspirations. Be prepared to stomp your feet when Andrea Beaton hits the stage with her powerful bowing and driving style. Tracey MacNeil's influences and interests are still strongly devoted to the language and culture of the Gael as a granddaughter of native Gaelic speakers. Since forming the band in 2014, Mama's Broke has been gaining momentum fast, having already completed two European, and several North American tours. Tonight they are joining us in Baddeck. Want the good times to keep on rolling? Festival Club is located just 20 minutes away for those looking for more after last call.

🝱 19 & over; photo ID required

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES



THURSDAY OCTOBER 12



Check pages 10-13 for recurring community events to find today's options in your area.

LIGHTHOUSE BREAKFAST Cabot Volunteer Fire Department Fire Hall, Cape North



8am-12pm, \$15

A traditional breakfast of eggs, bacon or sausage, toast, and hash browns served with coffee, tea, or juice. Drop in, no reservations required.

contact: Andrea stpaulislandmuseum1@gmail.com ноsтер ву: The St. Paul Island Historical Society

GUIDED HIKE IN THE NATIONAL PARK: MICA HILL Mica Hill Trailhead, Cape Breton Highlands National Park



10AM, FREE WITH PARK PASS

Join Parks Canada staff for a 3-4 hour, 7.9 km return, guided hike of Mica Hill. The gradual climb (260-410 metre elevation) will take you through Acadian and boreal forest to taiga barrens with panoramic views of the highland plateau. Bring water and a snack. CONTACT: 902-224-2306 interpcb@pc.qc.ca ноsтеd ву: Cape Breton Highlands National Park

ESKASONI CULTURAL IOURNEYS



Goat Island Trail, Eskasoni

10AM-2PM,

CONTACT FOR PRICING, GROUP RATES AVAILABLE

This trail along the beautiful Bras d'Or Lake features various interpreters who share stories and cultural demonstrations of dance, customs, and traditional knowledge.

CONTACT: 902-919-2320

ноsted ву: Eskasoni Cultural Journeys

THURSDAY OCTOBER 12

LUNCH, MUSIC, HIKE St. Ann's Bay United Church, Indian Brook





12PM, \$15

This event features lunch at 12pm, followed by a hike at 1pm. Lunch will include a choice of soup, rolls, biscuits, desserts, and tea or coffee. Adjacent to the church is the Red Island Trail where you can enjoy a guided hike over a moderately demanding, 90-minute trail.

CONTACT: Marion 902-929-2270 marlaint48@qmail.com ноsтер ву: St. Ann's Bay United Church

PUZZLE CUTTING DEMONSTRATION AND WORKSHOP



Scotsville School of Crafts, Scotsville

1PM-3PM, BY DONATION

See a demonstration on how puzzles are cut, learn about the art, and try your hand at cutting.

сонтаст: Verna 902-258-2278 vernamacm@qmail.com

HOSTED BY: Lake Ainslie Weavers & Craft Guild

RAG RUG HOOKING DEMONSTRATION





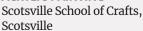
Scotsville School of Crafts, Scotsville

1PM-3PM, BY DONATION

Join talented fibre artist Christine Hayes as she demonstrates rag rug hooking and shows some of her completed works.

сонтаст: Verna 902-258-2278 vernamacm@gmail.com HOSTED BY: Lake Ainslie Weavers & Craft Guild

ACRYLIC PAINTING







1PM-3PM, \$25

Partake in acrylic painting with step-bystep instructions, materials included. сонтаст: Verna 902-258-2278 vernamacm@gmail.com

HOSTED BY: Lake Ainslie Weavers &

Craft Guild

THURSDAY OCTOBER 12

SEA GLASS GREETING CARD ART WORKSHOP



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Scotsville School of Crafts, Scotsville

1PM-3PM, \$25

Beginners are welcome to this workshop, with step-by-step instruction. All supplies included. CONTACT: Verna 902-258-2278 vernamacm@gmail.com HOSTED BY: Lake Ainslie Weavers & Craft Guild

OUR RIVER, OUR PEOPLE, OUR STORIES Margaree Firemen's Club,



Margaree Forks

2PM-4PM, DONATION

Share in a storytelling afternoon and learn about the Margaree River and the people who lived and worked along it through the years.

CONTACT: Eileen eileencoady.80@gmail.com ноsted ву: Margaree and Area Development Association

CELTIC COLOURS / HUCKLE BUCKLE FESTIVAL PUMPKIN CARVING



Ingonish Beach Soccer Field, Ingonish Beach

3PM-5PM, FREE WITH PARK PASS

Join Parks Canada staff for pumpkin carving. Tools provided, just bring your creativity! Drop in anytime between 3pm and 5pm.

CONTACT: 902-224-2306 interpcb@pc.qc.ca

ноsted ву: Cape Breton Highlands

National Park



The **Learning Opportunities** series will entertain and enlighten you with a variety of Workshops.



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SEAFOOD CHOICES DINNER Celtic Music Interpretive Centre, Judique



4:30PM-7PM, MENU PRICING

Next door to the concert in Judique, enjoy seafood options and live music. No reservations, first come first served.

CONTACT: 902-787-2708

ноsted ву: Celtic Music Interpretive Centre

ACADIAN CULINARY EXPERIENCE Centre de la Mi-Carême, Grand Étang



5рм-7:30рм, \$45

Enjoy live fiddle music while being served rich Acadian dishes: la soupe verte (Acadian vegetable soup with home-made bread), Pâtés à la viande (meat pie with local greens), a Poutine au Beulevets (blueberry cake with brown sugar sauce), and tea or coffee. Locally-sourced ingredients for all three servings. Reservations must be made.

CONTACT: Joeleen 902-224-1016 direction@micareme.ca HOSTED BY: Société Mi-Carême

APPLE GLAZED ROAST PORK DINNER



United Protestant Church of Sydney River, Sydney River

5:30рм, \$22

Sydney River United Protestant Church is pleased to once again offer the ever-popular Apple Glazed Roast Pork Dinner, with fresh vegetables, a variety of homemade pies, and tea or coffee.

CONTACT: 902-562-4245
HOSTED BY: United Protestant Church of

Sydney River



SQUARE DANCE WITH LIVE MUSIC

Centre de la Mi-Carême, Grand Étang

8pm-12am, \$10 + HST

Dance the night away to live music as you learn some steps from lifelong dancers.

Reservations are strongly suggested.

CONTACT: Joeleen 902-224-1016

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HOSTED BY: Société Mi-Carême

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TUNES FOR THE MIRA

Breen I Rynne I Murray Cameron Chisholm & Cathy Hawley Nipper MacLeod

Marion Bridge Recreation Centre, Marion Bridge • 2:00pm • \$30

Cape Breton's Mira River is known worldwide for its beauty and the hospitality associated with the surrounding area. Making music is an age-old tradition along the river, where there's always time for a cup of tea, or something a little stronger, and a lively exchange of songs, tunes, stories, and laughter. This afternoon's concert will include all of that, performed at a level to match the beauty of the surroundings. Legendary Cape Breton fiddler Cameron Chisholm returns to the Festival this year. He'll be accompanied on piano by Cathy Hawley who has played with some of the best, from Ashley MacIsaac to Winston "Scotty" Fitzgerald. Nipper MacLeod, a featured soloist with The Men of the Deeps, is bound to have a funny story or two in his repertoire of beloved Cape Breton, Irish, and Scottish songs. And Irish trio Tara Breen, Padraig Rynne, and Jim Murray will close out their visit to Celtic Colours with another dazzling display of musicianship. If you haven't found your way down to the iconic Mira River yet, this is your chance.

HOSTED BY Marion Bridge Community
Council

Nearby Meal: Lunch Along the Mira **Page 39**



MUSIQUE DE LA NUIT: MUSIC OF THE NIGHT

Béla Fleck & Abigail Washburn Brenda Stubbert & Blanche Sophocleous Donny LeBlanc & Hilda Chiasson Hirondelles

Joanne MacIntyre & Sons Roger Stone • Isabella Samson

Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site, Louisbourg • 5:30pm • \$175

It's Friday night in the French fortress town of Louisbourg, in the heart of the 18th century. Music and laughter spill out into the streets as villagers gather at pubs, restaurants, and taverns. Conversation mingles with music, over a meal served on pewter dishes. Singing and laughter drifts through the open window of the tavern on the corner while lively tunes draw dancers to fill the floor in the hall. Experience it all for yourself tonight at the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site. This one-of-a-kind night in the reconstructed town starts with an authentic 18th-century meal, then carries on into the cobblestone streets for music, dancing, and good times. As you travel from one stone building to another, you'll find music everywhere—songs in French, English, and Gaelic, and tunes for toetapping and dancing. Though the music will undoubtedly warm your heart, bring comfy shoes and a sweater for Musique de la nuit: Music of the Night.

HOSTED BY Fortress Louisbourg Association

19 & over; photo ID required



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TIM'S RETURN

larla Ó Lionáird & Tim Edey Evans & Doherty

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sydney Mines • 7:30PM • \$30

A truly incomparable guitar and melodeon player, Tim Edey is a fan favourite at Celtic Colours. This will be his eighth time appearing at the Festival. First performing in 2010, he's played solo and with his own trio, as well as with harmonica virtuoso Brendan Power, guitar wizard J.P. Cormier, fiddle master Ashley MacIsaac, and legendary Irish singer and concertina player, Breanndán Ó Beaglaoich. Tim returns this year accompanying traditional Irish singer Iarla Ó Lionáird whose unique singing style has taken him to stages and concert halls all over the world, from New York's Carnegie Hall to the Sydney Opera House. It's very exciting to have Iarla here this year with our old friend Tim. Evans & Doherty's lively blend of traditional, original, and contemporary songs-sprinkled with stories and humour—have kept the duo in the East Coast spotlight for more than 30 years. Equally at home in a pub setting, concert hall, festival, or convention, Evans & Doherty are firstrate musicians, singers, songwriters, promoters, and producers. They also possess the ability to entertain any audience, any place, any time.

ноsted by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

PÌOB IS FIDHEALL: DIPES AND FIDDLES

Malin Lewis Ian MacDougall

& Kenneth MacKenzie

& Mac Morin & Patrick Gillis Michael & Tracy Cavanaugh

Greenwood United Church, Baddeck • 7:30pm • \$35

While fiddle and bagpipes are fairly common instruments in the traditional music scene, each is a difficult instrument to truly master. So it's not very often that you come across someone who plays both the fiddle and the bagpipes. Tonight we just happen to have two young Gaels who can speak to that unique skill. Cape Bretoner Kenneth MacKenzie and Malin Lewis from Isle of Skye, Scotland, will share their talents on both instruments tonight and likely have a chat about mutual tunes in common. Malin will be joined on stage by Sally Simpson (fiddle) and Luc McNally (bouzouki), while Kenneth's crew includes fiddler Ian MacDougall, piano-player Mac Morin, and Patrick Gillis on guitar. Rounding out the night is the father-son duo of Michael and Tracy Cavanaugh from nearby Englishtown. We've borrowed the title for tonight's concert from Kenneth's outstanding 2010 debut album, which was recorded with his brother Angus and produced with the assistance of the Celtic Colours Drive'ers Association.

HOSTED BY Greenwood United Church Council

HEART AND SOUL

6 Hearts Mary Frances Leahy & Troy MacGillivray

Inverness Education Centre /
Academy, Inverness • 7:30pm • \$35/25

It's hard not to notice when an artist puts their heart and soul into a performance. When a singer closes their eyes on a pivotal line of a song or a fiddler comes "back onto 'er" in a G minor reel, you can just feel it. Heart and soul are the magical ingredients—the alchemy—that turn a good performance into a great one. And this evening's concert is chock full of it! Featuring members of renowned and beloved Prince Edward Island bands Vishtèn and The East Pointers, 6 Hearts' dazzling fusion of Acadian fiddle, whistle, percussion, and singing combines with eastern PEI traditional fiddle, guitar, piano, and vocals, merging into a unique and captivating blend of East Coast contemporary traditional music. Fiddler, piano player, dancer, and composer Mary Frances Leahy may surprise you with her unique playing style, but considering her musical roots, you know you are in for a treat! Mary Frances will be accompanied by past Celtic Colours Artist in Residence Troy MacGillivray who has performed more than 20 times at Celtic Colours. You get the feeling—this is a concert of passionate performers who will touch your heart and soul through the magic of music.

HOSTED BY Inverness Education Centre/ Academy (Student Council)

















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MI'KMAQ HAND DRUM MAKING WORKSHOP Membertou Heritage Park, Membertou

\$250 CONTACT TO BOOK

In this special hands-on workshop, make your very own moosehide hand drum. Learn about the cultural significance of the drum, as a knowledgeable guide leads you through the 3-4 hour process.

Advance reservation is required.

CONTACT: Jeff 902–567–5333 jeffward@membertou.ca HOSTED BY: Membertou Heritage Park

GUIDED HIKE IN THE NATIONAL PARK: WARREN LAKE Warren Lake Trailhead, Ingonish

10am, free with park pass

Join Parks Canada staff for a relaxing, 4.7 km loop, 2–2.5 hour walk among stunning fall colours. The trail hugs the shoreline as it circles the Park's largest lake. Level trail (15 metre elevation) with rugged and wet sections. Bring your water and a snack.

contact: 902-224-2306 interpcb@pc.gc.ca ноsted ву: Cape Breton Highlands National Park

OPEN HOUSE AT
TRINITY CHURCH
Trinity Anglican Church, Sydney Mines

11AM-4PM, DONATION

Drop in to tour this 182-year old Harris Heritage Church. Browse historical artifacts and a show and sale from local artisans including handcrafted quilts, oil paintings, photography, and so much more. Coffee, tea, and homemade treats. No reservations required, just drop in. CONTACT: Wanda 902-736-0122

dwshepherd@bellaliant.net
HOSTED BY: Trinity Anglican Church

FÉIS A' CHLADAICH A TUATH/ NORTH SHORE SONG FÉIS North Shore Firehall, Indian Brook

11am-4:30pm, \$15 full day; \$8 talks only; \$10 song workshop & milling

Join in on a chorus or two during this one-day festival celebrating Gaelic song and the historic North Shore Gaelic singers. Learn about the rich Gaelic history of this part of the Island with a song workshop, a milling, and talks with local culture bearers. Featuring Mary Jane Lamond, Amber Buchanan, Stephanie Conn, Lorrie MacKinnon, and Angus MacLeod.

CONTACT: northshorefeis@gmail.com HOSTED BY: Féis a' Chladaich a Tuath/ North Shore Song Féis

LUNCH ALONG THE MIRA Mira Seniors & Pensioners Centre, Marion Bridge



12рм, \$15

Enjoy a choice of corn chowder or carrot ginger soup with a grilled cheese sandwich and apple crisp for dessert, plus tea or coffee.

contact: Eileen 902-727-2785 Maureen 902-563-7419

HOSTED BY: Mira Seniors and Pensioners

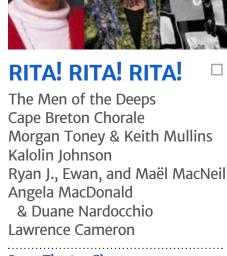
CAPE BRETON OATCAKE
MAKING DEMONSTRATION
Scotsville School of Crafts, Scotsville

1PM-3PM, \$25

Bernadette Campbell and Alice Freeman will demonstrate the whole process of making Cape Breton-style oatcakes from start to finish; enjoy some with coffee or tea, and take home the recipe. CONTACT: Verna 902-258-2278

vernamacm@gmail.com HOSTED BY: Lake Ainslie Weavers & Craft Guild





Savoy Theatre, Glace Bay 7:30PM • \$50/40/35

Rita! Rita! —three women, one name, generations of influence and inspiration. It may be a strange coincidence that three women from Cape Breton who share the same first name have had such an impact on the heritage of the Island. Or it may be something else. Either way, tonight we celebrate recent Nova Scotia Heritage Day honouree and Mi'kmaw poet Dr. Rita Joe, founder of the Cape Breton Chorale and noted music teacher Sr. Rita Clare, and the beloved songstress and songwriter Rita MacNeil. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Chorale, and ten years since the untimely passing of Rita MacNeil. The arts and culture of Nova Scotia have been forever changed for the better by the paths each of these remarkable women made. Tonight we recognize more specifically their impact on music and their immeasurable contributions to Cape Breton Island. Be prepared to smile, laugh, and maybe even shed a tear or two as nine performing acts honour these Cape Breton legends through music, stories, and outright admiration.











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SATURDAY OCTOBER 14

STEPPIN' AT THE CENTRE Every Woman's Centre, Sydney



's Centre, Sydney

1pm-2:30pm, \$10

Join in on an afternoon of learning Cape Breton style step dance from local dance teacher Kelly MacArthur. Everyone welcome.

CONTACT: Wanda 902-567-1212 wanda@everywomanscentre.com HOSTED BY: Every Woman's Centre

TRADITIONAL CÉILIDH Baile nan Gàidheal / Highland Village, Iona



2PM-3PM, MUSEUM ADMISSION

Come for a visit and learn the true meaning of the word céilidh! In the setting of the living history museum, the animators will share songs, stories, and music, and chat about the traditions and history of Nova Scotia's Gaelic speaking people.

contact: 902-725-2272 Hosted by: Baile nan Gàidheal / Highland Village

DANCE DEMONSTRATION Celtic Music Interpretive Centre, Judique



3PM-4PM, DONATION

Learn about local dance traditions with a performance, a demonstration, and a talk from local dancer Sabra MacGillivray. Drop in.

contact: 902-787-2708 hosted by: Celtic Music Interpretive Centre FAMOUS FISH AND CHIPS Royal Canadian Legion Branch 008, Sydney Mines

4рм-6рм, \$20

Enjoy a classic fish and chips supper, walking distance from the evening concert at St. Andrew's Church. Advanced tickets can be purchased through the Celtic Colours Box Office or downstairs at the Legion.

CONTACT: Debbie 902–217–2847 HOSTED BY: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 008 Sydney Mines, Ladies Auxiliary

TRADITIONAL SQUARE DANCE South West Margaree (St. Joseph's Parish) Hall, SW Margaree

8рм-11:30рм, \$10

This square dance is a fun, lively event, featuring local musicians, with bar service. Join in following the evening concert in Inverness. Drop in, pay at the door. (Adult admission only, ages 19 and up. ID's must be shown upon request.)

CONTACT: Lawrence 902-248-2080 HOSTED BY: South West Margaree (St. Joseph's Parish) Hall



Community Square Dances, Sessions, Milling Frolics, and Kitchen Rackets give you the opportunity to immerse yourself in the action. Join in at one of many **Participatory Events**.





THE CAPE BRETON FIDDLERS' 50TH

Cape Breton Fiddlers' Association Howie MacDonald & Beverly MacLean

Colaisde na Gàidhlig / the Gaelic College, St. Ann's • 2:00pm • \$40

Cape Breton Island's rich fiddling tradition will be front and centre this afternoon in St. Ann's as the Cape Breton Fiddlers' Association celebrates their 50th year! On this golden anniversary, the Fiddlers' Association will be sharing the stage with well-respected fiddlers Howie MacDonald and Beverly MacLean, both of whom also play piano. The Fiddlers' Association has been celebrating this significant milestone throughout 2023, with concerts and learning opportunities all around the Island. Comprised of upand-coming as well as professional and well-known players and composers, the Fiddlers' Association has been dedicated to preserving and promoting traditional Cape Breton fiddle music since 1973. The Association has been the grassroots of the fiddle tradition and the keepers of the Island's fiddle repertoire, presenting an annual Festival of Cape Breton fiddling, hosting workshops, and providing opportunities for its members to learn new tunes and techniques. They have been at the forefront of a resurgence in Cape Breton fiddling that has seen the tradition and style flourish at home and around the world. Cheers to 50 more!

HOSTED BY Colaisde na Gàidhlig / The Gaelic College







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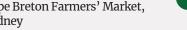


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CAPE BRETON FARMERS' MARKET Cape Breton Farmers' Market, Sydney



9:30AM-1:30PM, FREE

This market features a wide variety of local offerings for sale, from fresh produce to prepared foods, craft beer, baked goods, handmade items, and artisan goods.

CONTACT: 902-564-9948 HOSTED BY: Cape Breton Farmers' Market

TREASURES OF MARGAREE **CRAFT MARKET**

St. Patrick's Parish Hall, North East Margaree

10AM-2PM, \$2

Located along a scenic stretch of the Cabot Trail, this market features handmade works from the talented artists and artisans of the region. CONTACT: Mary 902-248-2317 ноsтер ву: St. Patrick's Parish Hall

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SOUP AND BISCUIT LUNCHEON St. Patrick's Parish Hall, North East Margaree

11AM-1PM, \$10

Enjoy a bowl of home-made turkey vegetable soup and a biscuit with tea or coffee. Drop in. First come first served. CONTACT: Sheila 902-248-2516 HOSTED BY: St. Patrick's CWL

HIKE THE COXHEATH COLOURS AND CÉILIDH

Coxheath Hills Wilderness Trail, Coxheath

1PM-4PM, DONATION

Celebrate fall colours and Celtic music while hiking along a beautiful nature trail. Afterwards, a céilidh at the Coxheath Hills Community Centre rounds off the experience, where you can purchase hot apple cider, tea, oatcakes, and biscuits.

CONTACT: Lisa 902 578 6709 isapatterson@ns.sympatico.ca

HOSTED BY: Coxheath Hills Wilderness Trail

HOWIE CENTRE ROAST BEEF DINNER

East Bay Legion, Howie Centre

\$20, 4:30-6:30PM

Enjoy a roast beef dinner with all the trimmings. This meal is a very short

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distance from the afternoon "Hike the Coxheath Colours and Céilidh" event, and just 15 minutes from the closing concert in Sydney.

CONTACT: Sheri 902-564-0677 HOSTED BY: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 151

SHARING STORIES: MI'KMAW

CULTURE - SMUDGE Freshwater Lake, Ingonish Beach

4:30pm, free with park pass

Indigenous interpreter, and Mi'kmag Elder, Mary Louise Bernard discusses the history and beliefs of the Mi'kmag nation, and will perform a smudge cleansing for herself and offer the opportunity for visitors to participate. CONTACT: 902-224-2306 · interpcb@pc.qc.ca ноsted ву: Cape Breton Highlands National Park



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St. Joseph's Parish (Port Hawkesbury) 138 Granville St., Port Hawkesbury

St. Mary of the Angels Community Hall 4216 Trans Canada Hwy. 105, Glendale

St. Mary's Parish Hall (Mabou Hall) Route 19 Mabou, Mabou

St. Matthew-Wesley United Church 27 St., Columba Dr., Leitches Creek

St. Matthew's United Church 78 Church St., Inverness

St. Patrick's Catholic Church - North East Margaree

6531 Cabot Trail Rd., North East Margaree

St. Patrick's Catholic Church 1621 Whiteside Rd., Whiteside

St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall 115 Cliff St., Port Morien

St. Patrick's Parish Hall 6541 Cabot Trail Rd., North East Margaree

St. Peter and St. John Anglican Church 390 Shore Rd., Baddeck

St. Peter's Church 37385 Cabot Trail, Ingonish

St. Peter's Lions Hall 39 Lions Ave., St. Peter's

St. Peter's Lions Marina 32 Lions Ave., St. Peter's

St. Peter's Parish Hall 260 Main Street, Port Hood

Strait Area Museum 24 Hwy. 19, Port Hastings

Strathspey Performing Arts Centre 11156 Rte. 19, Mabou

The Evergreen Club 37 Embree St., Port Hawkesbury

The LeNoir Forge Museum 708 Veteran's Memorial Dr., Arichat

The Old Miller Trout Farm 408 Doyles Rd., Margaree Forks

Trinity Anglican Church 16 Queen St., Sydney Mines

United Protestant Church of Sydney River

1524 Kings Rd., Sydney River Wagmatcook Culture and

Heritage Centre 10765 NS-105, Wagmatcook First Nation

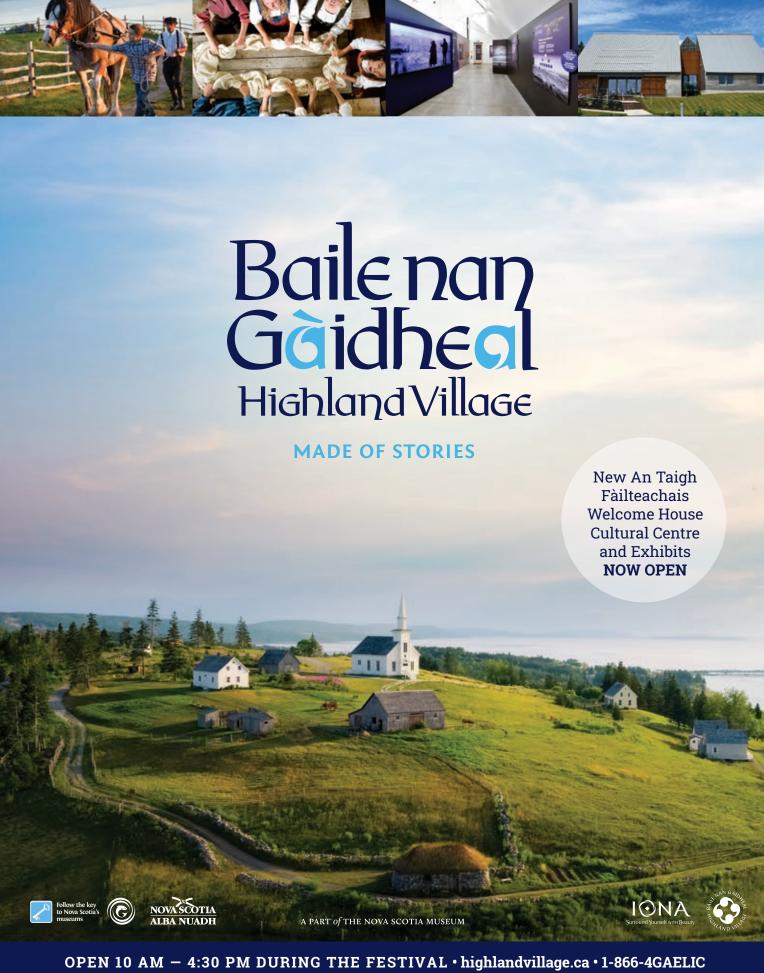
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