



Irish Arts Foundation of Atlanta

February 2008 Newsletter



The IAF is a North Metro Atlanta organization that promotes traditional Irish music in our North Metro Atlanta neighborhoods.

Atlanta Irish Music Competition

Registration Opened December 1st ONLINE, but it's not too late to enter!

The third annual Atlanta Irish Music Competition takes place in Atlanta, Georgia! The 2008 Atlanta Irish Music Competition will feature adjudicators and performers Eliot Grasso, uilleann pipes; Kate Dowling, flute and Jode Dowling, fiddle, and will be held **February 2nd, 2008** at Alpharetta High School in the North Metro community of Alpharetta, GA. The competition is open to the public and public viewing is encouraged. Adult admission is \$5 with \$5 discount to IAF members; kids under 18 free. This year's competition will feature solo and group competitions on traditional Irish instruments and song.

This competition is sponsored by The Irish Arts Foundation of Atlanta to promote and encourage the growth of Irish musicians through quality competition. Registration forms and checks must be postmarked by January 25th, 2008 or pay a \$10 late fee. To register, learn more about the competition, rules, location, maps, schedule, etc. please download the AIMC Guidebook 2008 pdf file on our website: www.atlantairishmusic.com.

Friday Feb. 1st

AIMC Session and Dinner at Loafing Lephrachaun Pub Alpharetta
(Windward Parkway) 7pm-11pm

Saturday Feb. 2nd

AIMC at Alpharetta High School 8am-3pm

Saturday Feb. 2nd

AIMC Music from Ireland Concert 7pm- 9pm
at Alpharetta High School Auditorium featuring
Jode & Kate Dowling, Eliot Grasso
followed by more sessions

Sunday Feb. 3rd

Piping Workshop please contact Gary White at gary@southeastpipersclub.org

Music From Ireland Concert
Saturday February 2nd 7pm
Alpharetta High School

Featuring



Kate and Jode Dowling of the Doon Ceili Band

and



Highly Acclaimed Traditional Musician, Eliot Grasso
Traditional Uilleann Piper

With appearances from The Fr. O'Reilly Ceili Band, Celtica, and The Atlanta Junior Ceili Band
Join us for an exciting night of Irish Traditional Music!

Tickets \$15 adults/ \$10 Students & Seniors (*IAF members receive \$5 discount per family*)
Available at the door or buy your tickets in advance online by clicking [HERE](#).
Problems with your ticket order, or prefer to order by phone? Call 888-695-0888.

Directions to Alpharetta High School:

3595 Webb Bridge Road

Alpharetta, GA 30005

Take Ga. 400 North to Old Milton Parkway and turn right. Turn left at the third traffic light (North Point Parkway).

The school's side entrance is located on the right on North Point Parkway.

The main entrance is located on Webb Bridge Road, just east of the North Point Parkway/Webb Bridge Road intersection.

Atlanta Irish Music School***NEW! ADULT CLASSES***

The Atlanta Irish Music School, home of the Atlanta Junior Ceili Band is enrolling new students for all classes January 12th. New this semester is 3 classes for adults. All classes meet at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Roswell twice a month. For more information please visit:

www.atlantajuniorceiliband.com.

Beginner Adult Whistle 10-11am: This class will introduce or progress skills on the Tin Whistle. This accessible instrument opens a gateway into the other instruments of Ireland. Come learn this fun, social music with us! A tin whistle in the key of D is required. Please contact Gary if you need information on how to obtain a whistle. Teacher: Gary White

Adult Irish Fiddle 9-10am: This class will introduce classical violinist and non-Irish players to the technique, ornamentation bowing, repertoire and history of traditional Irish fiddle. This is a relaxed class to make Irish fiddle easy and accessible to all. Music will be taught in the traditional method-- by ear with sheet music given out after tunes are learned. Join us to learn the skills and techniques used by Irish fiddlers! Teacher: Katherine Irwin Thomas

Celtic Song Class 9-10am: Come learn a myriad of songs from your pub tune favorites to traditional songs in Irish Gaelic. This class is open to all ages! This will be a fun class class, where students learn songs, practice their singing skills and compile a song notebook to increase their song repertoire. Please bring an empty three ring note book and recording device. Teacher: Susan Moran

Alpharetta Session moves to Saturdays

A new Irish Music Session for intermediate to advanced players is now being held on alternate (2nd and 4th) Saturdays at The Loafing Leprechaun at Windward Parkway (exit 11 off GA400) in Alpharetta from 6:30-9 p.m. Come out and make this newest addition to the North Fulton Irish music community a huge success -- and a new tradition. The Loafing Leprechaun is a smoke-free pub with a great menu, and kindly offers a drink tab and snacks to musicians. Fiddles, flutes, mandolins, whistles, tenor banjos, accordions, concertinas, uilleann pipes and bodhrans -- along with friends and family -- welcome!

For more information, including directions, visit our website at www.atlantairishmusic.com and click on "Alpharetta Session moves to Saturdays".

IAF 2008 Calendar



**Remember IAF
membership is only
\$40 for a family and
you'll get great
discounts on events
throughout the
year!**

February

Friday 1st: Atlanta Irish Music Competition music session and dinner at the Loafing Leprechaun Pub on Windward Pkwy in Alpharetta.

Saturday 2nd: The Atlanta Irish Music Competition from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Alpharetta High School and Concert featuring Jode & Kate Dowling and Eliot Grasso at 7 – 9 p.m. also at Alpharetta High School in Alpharetta, GA.

Sunday 3rd: Atlanta Irish Music Competition: Pipe workshop. Contact Gary White for more information at gary@southeastpipersclub.org

Sunday 3rd & 17th: The Roswell Music Session at The Harp Pub 5-7 pm (1st and 3rd Sunday of the month)

Sunday 17th: IAF meeting at the Harp Irish Pub at 7 pm

Saturday 9th & 23th: The Alpharetta Music Session at The Loafing Leprechaun Pub, Alpharetta 6:30-9 pm (2nd and 4th Saturday of the month)

March

Sunday 2nd & 16th: The Roswell Music Session at The Harp Pub 5-7 pm (1st and 3rd Sunday of the month)

Saturday 8th & 22nd: The Alpharetta Music Session at The Loafing Leprechaun Pub, Alpharetta 6:30-9 pm (2nd and 4th Saturday of the month)

April

April 18-20: The South East Uilleann Piper's Club Tionol and Concert. Registration opens in early 2008. The Tionol will be at the Doubletree Hotel in Roswell, GA and the Concert at the Red Door Playhouse in Roswell. Please visit www.southeastpipersclub.org for more info.

Sunday 6th: IAF meeting at the Harp Irish Pub in Alpharetta at 7 pm

Sunday 6th & 20th: The Roswell Music Session at The Harp Pub 5-7 pm (1st and 3rd Sunday of the month)

Saturday 12th & 26th: The Alpharetta Music Session at The Loafing Leprechaun Pub, Alpharetta 6:30-9 pm (2nd and 4th Saturday of the month)



May

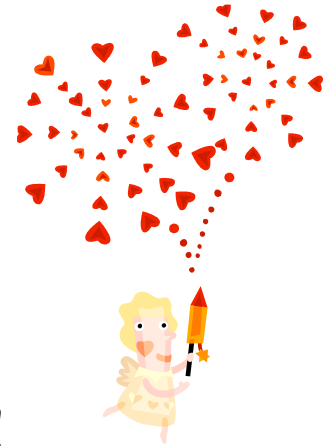
Atlanta Celtic Festival TBA

Ceili Dance TBA

Sunday 4th: IAF meeting at the Harp Irish Pub at 7 pm

Sunday 4th & 18th: The Roswell Music Session at The Harp Pub 5-7 pm (1st and 3rd Sunday of the month)

Saturday 10th & 24th: The Alpharetta Music Session at The Loafing Leprechaun Pub, Alpharetta 6:30-9 pm (2nd and 4th Saturday of the month)



Happy Valentine's Day!
