



Irish Arts Foundation of Atlanta

June 2008 Newsletter



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

The Georgia Celtic Camp '08 – Still accepting applications

We'd like to invite you and your child to consider joining us this summer for a week of Celtic music, dance and fun. The Georgia Celtic Camp is day camp for students ages 4-15 years old and which focuses on the study of Celtic music, dance, sport, and cultural experiences. Sponsored by The Atlanta Irish Music School and The Atlanta Junior Ceili Band, the premiere Irish music school and performance group in Metro Atlanta, you don't have to be Irish or Scottish to join us for a week of music and dance fun!

Celtic Camp promotes and fosters a caring environment where students work in small group classes to study all aspects of Celtic culture. Students 7-15 yrs will have the opportunity to choose a focus class for the week: Fiddle, Flute, Concertina, Song and Irish Dance. All students will take Whistle, Gaelic football and introduction to Ceili Dance. A special class entitled, Wee Ones, is offered for children 4-6 years old and will focus on Celtic Arts and Crafts, Storytelling, Dance, Song, Celtic Drumming and other fun activities.

I've listed some commonly asked questions below, but if you don't find an answer, don't hesitate to contact me personally. I love teaching Irish music and Celtic Camp is a unique opportunity for children in the North Georgia area to participate in a fun and life long pursuit of music and dance.

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Irish Music, Dance, Art, Sports and History!



Atlanta Musicians Bring Home the Gold

2008 has been a huge year for young Atlanta-area musicians. In a rare occurrence, Atlanta swept the under-12 Fiddle Competition and Fiddle Slow Airs Competition in both North American fleadhanna: Mid-West and Mid-Atlantic.

In April, 11-year-olds Annika VonGrey and Claire Shirey both placed in the under-12 competition at the CCE Mid Atlantic Fleadh in New York. Annika won 1st place in Fiddle and Fiddle Slow Airs out of 15 competitors, while Claire placed 2nd in Concertina. Together they placed 3rd in duet competition out of 8 other groups.

In May, Joseph Mitteldorf, age 11, won 1st place in under-12 Fiddle out of 22 competitors and 1st place in Fiddle Slow Airs at the CCE Midwest Fleadh in Detroit. Liam Butler-Lawrence, age 10, won 1st place in Piano Melody and 1st place in Piano Accompaniment. Joseph and Liam also placed 3rd out of 8 in the under-12 duet competition.

Sixteen-year-old Mary Williams (Maire Nic Liam) won four 1st place medals (Uilleann pipes, Uilleann Slow Airs, English Singing, and Irish Singing), a 2nd in Whistle Slow Airs and 3rd in Whistle. Remarkably, Mary competed with a broken hand which prevented her from participating in the flute competition.

All five performers qualified for the All-Ireland Fleadh to be held in Tullamore, Co. Offaly, Ireland later this year. This will be Joseph and Mary's second trip to the All-Ireland, as Joseph qualified in 2006 and Mary in 2007.

Annika, Claire and Joseph study music with Katherine Irwin Thomas and are members of The Atlanta Junior Ceili Band. Liam is a piano student of Pam Asberry, studied fleadh preparation with Katherine Thomas and is also a member of The Atlanta Junior Ceili Band. Mary performs with her family's band, Shanveen.

If there was any doubt before, Atlanta has arrived as a force in Irish music alongside the established centers such as New York, Boston, Chicago, Detroit and St. Louis. Hats off to the competitors and their teachers for a fine performance. Best of luck in Ireland!

Registration For SC Irish Arts Weekend Now Open

Registration for our SC Irish Arts Weekend June 20-22 is now open. We have a fantastic lineup this year including many folks from last year and some new faces. Please check out all of the details on our web page: <http://www.cornerhousemusic.com/SCIAW2008.html>

The weekend starts on Friday June 20, with a concert from our fabulous instructors. Saturday and Sunday are full of workshops, mini concerts and sessions. We have more classes available this year and have added Saturday mini concerts for folks to have the opportunity to hear more about the music, dance and language in a casual setting.

We hope you will join us for another great SC Irish Arts Weekend!

Very best wishes,

Andi Hearn & Davey Mathias

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Angelina Carberry & Martin Quinn: House concert & workshop in Roswell

Angelina Carberry & Martin Quinn will bring their lively and tightly-knit talents on tenor banjo and button accordion to Roswell for a house concert on Saturday, July 12 at 7 pm., followed by a session. They will also conduct a workshop (or separate workshops, depending upon student interest) from 3:30-5.

Angelina Carberry was born in Manchester, England but returned to Ireland in the 90s. In 1998 she recorded *Memories of the Holla* with her father Peter, which won critical acclaim from newspapers and Irish music journalists. Though her style echoes that of her grandfather, Kevin, who was a well-known player in Longford, Angelina has developed a light-handed, sparkling touch on the banjo. Angelina's unmistakable banjo style is nicely captured on her solo 2005 CD, *An Traidisiún Beo*, which was hailed by *Irish Music Magazine* as "a landmark recording in traditional Irish music." Besides being actively engaged in the Galway music scene, she tours with the all-female traditional group, the Bumblebees. The group, which includes harper/fiddler Laoise Kelly, accordionist Colette O'Leary and Angelina on banjo and mandolin, has played throughout Ireland and Europe. She has recorded two albums with the band.



Martin Quinn comes from Armagh from a family of accomplished musicians and storytellers. He has a highly refined unique style and is regarded as one of Ireland's finest exponent's of the accordion. Since 1994 Martin has been touring Europe and the US and has appeared at many festivals in France, Finland, Britain and Germany. In addition to his solo appearances and those with his wife Angelina, Martin also performs with the traditional group na Dorsa, with whom he has recorded 2 CDs. He's also toured with Lá Lugh. Martin and with players such as Gerry (fiddle) O'Connor and Gerry Harrington of the group Doon. Martin has been featured on TV and radio at home in Ireland as well as internationally. His recording credits include tracks on Paul Bradley's fine solo album *The Atlantic Roar* and more recently on composer Josephine Keegan's double CD *Lifeswork*.

YouTube video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vx5aC6zZH8Y>

Concert tickets are \$15 per person, workshop \$25, all by reservation only. Contact Ken Mitteldorf for reservations or more info: ken1061@charter.net or call 770-573-2378. Directions (5 minutes from the Harp Pub) sent with ticket confirmation.

Join the Roswell Session Group on Yahoo!

The Roswell Session now has a Yahoo! Groups page:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/roswellsession>

You can sign up to receive e-mail notices, participate in on-line group discussions, etc.

Alpharetta Session - Alpharetta Session Suspended Until Further Notice

The Alpharetta Session scheduled for alternate (2nd and 4th) Saturdays at The Loafing Leprechaun in Alpharetta will take a hiatus this summer while the organizers try to work out a better arrangement with the Loafing Leprechaun (or another facility). Stay tuned for updates.

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



IAF 2008 Calendar

June

No IAF meeting in June

Sunday 1st & 15th: The Roswell Music Session at The Harp Pub 5-7 pm (1st and 3rd Sunday of the month)

Friday-Sunday 20-22: SC Irish Arts Weekend, Columbia, SC (see above for details).

Monday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th: Buckhead Fado Session 8pm - advanced Irish session every Monday night 8pm-midnight at the new Fado Pub in Buckhead.

July

No IAF meeting in July

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

Monday 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th : Buckhead Fado Session 8pm - advanced Irish session every Monday night 8pm-midnight at the new Fado Pub in Buckhead.

Saturday 12th: Angelina Carberry & Martin Quinn - tenor banjo, button accordion workshop(s)
3:30-5, house concert and session at 7 pm in Roswell. See above for details and for reservations.

August

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

Monday 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th : Buckhead Fado Session 8pm - advanced Irish session every Monday night 8pm-midnight at the new Fado Pub in Buckhead.

Sunday 31st: IAF meeting at the Harp 7 pm


