



# Irish Arts Foundation of Atlanta

## March 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

Thank you to all the many volunteers, participants and judges who made the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Atlanta Irish Music Competition a success. Special thanks to Alpharetta High School and Sheldon Fisher for the use of their facilities for the competition and the concert. Here are the results of the competition:

**English Song – Junior** - 1st - Anna Johnson, 2nd - Tioreasa NicLiam (Williams)

**English Song – Child** - 1st - Brigid Williams

**Flute – Junior** - 1st Corin Rogers

**English Song – Adult** - 1st - Lillie Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Shannon Wichers

**English Song – Novice** - 1st Maire NicLiam

**Fiddle – Child** - 1st - Annika Von Grey, 2nd - Joseph Mittledorf, 3rd - Claire Shirey

**Flute Novice** - 1st - Beau Davis, 2nd - Maire NicLiam, 3rd - Lauren Maton

**Fiddle Junior** - 1st - Noah Coffin, 2nd - Sean O'Callaghan, 3rd - Robert Batson

**Irish Song – Novice** - 1st Maire NicLiam

**Irish Song – Junior** - 1st - Anna Johnson, 2nd - Theresa Williams

**Irish Song – Child** - 1st - Brigid Williams

**Irish Song – Adult** - 1st Shannon Wicher

**Whistle – Child** - 1st - Liam Butler-Lawrence, 2nd - Belle Prianti, 3rd - Madeleine Iassogna

**Accordion – Adult** - 1st - Bernard Lane

**Fiddle – Novice** - 1st - Suzanne Harner, 2nd - Katey Looney, 3rd - Claire DeBuys

**Whistle – Novice** - 1st - Maire NicLiam, 2nd - Lauren Maton

**Concertina – Child** - 1st - Claire Shirey

**Concertina – Adult** - 1st - Fran Tyrrell

**Fiddle – Adult** - 1st - Leah Bernini, 2nd - Lillian Huffman

**Uilleann Pipes – Adult** - 1st - Gary White

**Uilleann Pipes – Novice** - 1st - Maire NicLiam

**Bodhran – Adult** - 1st - Tim Hogan

**Bodhran – Junior** - 1st - Noah Coffin

**Duet/Trio – Junior** - 1st - Noah Coffin & Sean O'Callaghan, 2nd - Brigid & Theresa Williams, 3rd - Aidan & Corin Rogers

**Duet/Trio – Child** - 1st - Amika Von Grey & Claire Shirey, 2nd - Joseph Mittledorf & Liam Butler-Lawrence, 3rd - Madeleine & Victoria Iassogna

**Plucked Strings – Adult** - 1st - Tracie Brown, 2nd - Curt Thompson

**Piano Accompaniment – Child** - 1st - Liam Butler-Lawrence

**Piano Accompaniment – Adult** - 1st - Tracie Brown

**Piano Melody – Child** - 1st - Liam Butler-Lawrence

**Duet/Trio – Adult** - 1st - Scott Miller & Kevin Nicholson, 2nd Eileen MacCallum & Doug Murray

**Duet/Trio – Novice** - 1st - Lauren Maton & Suzanne Harner

**Small Ensemble – Adult** - 1st - Doug Murray, Katherine Thomas, Jason Killingsworth & Suzanne Harner

**Ceili Band – Child** – 1<sup>st</sup> - Atlanta Junior Ceili Band

**Ceili Band – Adult** - 1st - Fr. O'Reilly Ceili Band

**Congratulations to all!**



**Of Note :**



## **Georgia Celtic Camp June 16th - 20th**

A day camp in Alpharetta, Georgia for Ages 4-15yrs. 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.

Visit <http://www.atlantajuniorceiliband.com/georgiacelticcamp.htm> for more information and registration.

*Irish Music, Dance, Art, Sports and History!*



## **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 12<sup>th</sup>. New this semester is 3 classes for adults. All classes meet at St. Andrew's Catholic in Roswell twice a month. For more information please visit: [www.atlantajuniorceiliband.com](http://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 give out after tunes are learned. Join us to learn the skills and techniques behind Irish fiddlers! Teacher: Katherine Irwin Thomas

**Celtic Song Class 9-10am:** Come learn songs 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

## 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 -- now on Saturdays

The Alpharetta Irish Session is a traditional Irish session open to all players, but is specifically geared toward intermediate and advanced musicians. The session is held the second and fourth Saturdays of each month from 6:30-9 pm at The [Loafing Leprechaun](#) at Windward Parkway (exit 11 off GA400) in Alpharetta. This is a smoke-free pub with a great menu which offers a drink tab and snacks to musicians. Fiddles, flutes, mandolins, whistles, tenor banjos, accordions, concertinas, uilleann pipes and bodhrans welcome! We play traditional Irish tunes at a moderate to fast tempo.

If you are a student musician and have not attended an advanced session before, please read up on on them [here](#). This is a really nice article. Friends and families welcome!

**Loafing Leprechaun**  
**3070 Windward Plaza**  
**Alpharetta, GA 30005**  
**770-817-8600**



For more information, including directions, visit our website at [www.atlantairishmusic.com](http://www.atlantairishmusic.com) and click on "Alpharetta Session moves to Saturdays".

## Spring Workshops with Frank and Mary Hamilton



Learning to play a variety of music in the folk tradition with appropriate accompaniments for songs in a social environment.

**Sunday: 2:30PM to 4:30PM March 2nd through May 4th** in Decatur, conveniently located near downtown Decatur. (call /email for details/directions see below:)

**Ten two hour sessions:** one hour for instruction and the "Second-Half" for playing and singing the material learned.

This will be in an [acoustic music, multi-level setting](#) with a variety of instruments with emphasis on ensemble playing for the beginner, intermediate and more advanced student. This [method of teaching, made famous by Frank Hamilton](#), teaching founder of the Old Town School of Folk Music in Chicago, celebrating the 50th year as the most successful, longest operating non-profit music school in the country, which has served many who have gone on to celebrate our wonderful folk tradition. Join us in the excitement. This is a rare opportunity to learn with The Master Teacher and extraordinarily talented Frank Hamilton.

See [video of Frank](#) in Chicago on CBS: <http://cbs2chicago.com/video/?cid=11>  
Scroll to Dec. 09,2007 edition of 'Eye on Chicago: Old Town School of Folk Music'

The fee in advance is \$250.00. No refunds for missed classes; but, make-up material and assistance will be available during the "Second-Half".

Contact: Frank and Mary Hamilton [songlines@comcast.net](mailto:songlines@comcast.net) or: 404.748.9247 for information and location address.

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

## IAF 2008 Calendar

### March

The March IAF meeting, normally scheduled for Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> is cancelled.

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

**March 17<sup>th</sup>: Happy St. Patrick's Day!**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>rd</sup>: 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 is now open. 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](http://www.southeastpipersclub.org) for more info.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>: IAF meeting at the Harp Irish Pub in Alpharetta at 7 pm

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

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

### May

Celtic Festival TBA Atlanta

Ceili Dance TBA

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>: IAF meeting at the Harp Irish Pub at 7 pm

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

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



