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Scottish News in Minnesota

OCTOBER 2011

EVENTS

OCTOBER 1st - OCTOBER 15th

St. Andrew's Meat Raffles

Meat raffles at the Glockenspiel are off and running again. They will happen on the first and third Saturdays of each month. That means October 1 and 15. They begin around 1 pm on Saturday. Neil Johnson and Mac McPherson can always use help on those days so please contact them and help out.

Glockenspiel | 605 7th St | Saint Paul, MN 55102-3043

OCTOBER 2nd

TCSC Cheering Section at the Twin Cities Marathon



Sunday, October 2, 9am - 11am
On Cedar Avenue (East Bridge) over Loch Nokomis

All members of the Scottish Community are welcome to come show your "Scottish Pride" and cheer on the Twin Cities Marathon participants! The Macalester Pipe Band will be joining us for the event. Red Rose Tea and Walker's Shortbread, thanks to our Community Partners Walker's Shortbread and Red Rose Tea! Hope to see you then!

Cedar Avenue | East Bridge | Lake Nokomis

OCTOBER 8th

TCSC River Cruise Down the Saint Croix

Saturday, October 8, 5:30 pm-8:00pm

The Twin Cities Scottish Club is happy to invite you on a St Croix River evening cruise in Stillwater on Saturday, October 8th, from 5:30 PM TO 8:00 PM.

The 2 1/2 hour evening cruise includes a complete feast for dinner and a Dixie land band. The fall timing should provide an excellent opportunity to view the colorful autumn foliage and abundant wild life that makes the St. Croix River it's home.

Cost for this excursion are \$28.95 for adults and \$20.95 for children under age 14. **A \$5.00 cash rebate per ticket will be**

issued on board the Paddleboat for all current TCSC members. Advanced reservations are highly advised **ASAP**. For reservations, please contact the Paddleford at 651-430-1234 and inform them that you are with the Twin Cities Scottish Club. For further on-line information, please visit their web site at:

<http://www.stillwaterriverboats.com/index.html>

Any question, please contact our TCSC Entertainment Committee Chairperson, Jack MacMillan at 952-994-3474 or email him at jacmac@aol.com.

525 South Main Street | Stillwater MN 55082

OCTOBER 22nd

TCSC - An Evening with the "Scottish Ballet"

Saturday, October 22, 8pm - 11pm
Orpheum Theatre, Minneapolis

The TCSC has agreed to be a Community Partner in conjunction with the U of M in welcoming the Scottish Ballet to the Twin Cities!

Come enjoy the Scottish Ballet perform "Song of the Earth (1965)" at the Orpheum Theatre in downtown Minneapolis. A 15% Discount will be made available to TCSC members and to other members of the Scottish Community! To buy these discounted tickets, reference "promo code TCScottishClub" when ordering online through ticketmaster.com; by phone at 1-800-745-3000; or at the State Theatre Box Office at 805 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55402. The Orpheum Theatre Box Office will also be open at 5:00 pm the evening of the Scottish Ballet performance.

BRING YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR KILT OR A WEE BIT OF TARTAN!

Details of the event are:

Sir Kenneth MacMillan, Choreographer

Music by Gustav Mahler

New York (Premiering August 2011)

Jorma Elo, Choreographer

Music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Steve Reich Ashley

Northrop kicks off its 2011-12 Northrop Dance season with Scotland's national dance company, Scottish Ballet. With strong classical technique at the root of all its work, the company presents a double bill featuring MacMillan's masterwork, Song of the Earth. Rarely performed in America, it is one of MacMillan's most intense and beautiful ballets, exploring man's struggle to accept mortality, with the Messenger of Death stalking the action throughout, and the hope that renewal comes with death. The company also presents a new work by celebrated Finnish choreographer, Jorma Elo, premiering August 2011 at the Edinburgh International Festival. As resident choreographer at Boston Ballet, Elo has become an increasingly sought-after talent across the U.S. and Europe, and has also created works for companies including San Francisco Ballet, New York City Ballet, Nederlands Dans Theater, and Finnish National Ballet.

The Northrop Dance group would like us "Scots" to be in attendance and wear our "tartan" proudly at the event. There will be a reception after the event that the TCSC and entire Scottish Community will be invited to. There will be entertainment by the Macalester Pipe Band and the Hart School of Highland Dance. The TCSC will have its "Taste of Scotland Tea Room" available for refreshments. We hope all of you will be able to attend.

Don't forget to use the discount promo code above for your tickets!

"Performances of breathtaking poise and precision."

—The Herald

(As it becomes available, more information about the company and the performance will be found on our website at <http://northrop.umn.edu/events/scottish-ballet>. If you look on Related Links on the right hand side of this page, you will also see a link to the Scottish Ballet company website.)

910 Hennepin Avenue | Minneapolis, MN 55402

OCTOBER 27th - NOVEMBER 5th

Talún Fall Tour!

Garry Jones and Laura MacKenzie will be performing around Minnesota and Wisconsin October 27th - November 5th.

<http://www.lauramackenzie.com/bio/4389>

Talún Tour Dates ~ Midwestern Tour ~ Oct 27 – Nov 5, 2011

(Talún is Garry Jones with Laura MacKenzie)

IN CONCERT:

October 27th, 7:30 pm (Thursday)
Headwaters School of Music & the Arts,
519 Minnesota Ave NW, Bemidji, MN

October 28th, 7:30 pm (Friday)
Northfield Arts Guild, Studio
304 Division St., Northfield, MN

October 29th , 7:30 pm (Saturday)
House concert in Bloomington, MN

October 30th , 2:00 pm (Sunday)
Oak Center General Store.
67011 Hwy 63, 10 mi SW of Lake City, MN

November 1, 7:30 pm (Tuesday)
Chestnut Ave Center for the Arts,
Marshfield, WI

November 2, details tba (Wednesday)
A special evening featuring Molly Culligan performing
"Ripenings" by Meridel Le Seuer. Garry Jones and Laura MacKenzie will perform Fire Eye music preceding and following Molly's performance.
Info: Laura @651-398-5055

November 3, 7:30 pm (Thursday)
Twin Cities Quaker Meeting Hall
1725 Grand Ave, St. Paul, MN

November 4, 12 noon – 1 pm (Friday)
Special program for McNally Smith College of Music
St. Paul, MN

November 4, 7:30 pm (Friday)
Duluth Congregational Church, Music on the Rise Series
3833 E. Superior St., Duluth, MN

November 5, 7:30 pm (Saturday)
Hovland Town Hall
Hovland, MN

For information on any of the above dates (ticket prices, directions, websites, program), please contact Laura @ 651-398-5055 or laura@lauramackenzie.com

www.lauramackenzie.com

NOVEMBER 5th

Guy Fawkes Night at the McCracken's

Remember, Remember the 5th of November! We are coming up on our 5th Guy Fawkes party at the McCracken House in Big Lake, MN. This event is open to all Scots, English, Irish or whatever you want to be. We will have a bonfire, fireworks potluck supper and drinks. Feel free to bring an instrument, or anything you need to dance. Last year Marc did some fire Poi!

Bring some food to share, a favorite beverage, lawn chair and come dressed for the weather. We have sand burrs so sandals are not a good idea.

If you need directions feel free to call Andy at 612-710-9104.

Scottish Interest Group

The Scottish Interest Group (SIG) focusing on genealogical research and study is establishing its roots and growing. At the last meeting on September 17th there were quite a few new people expressing an interest in their Scottish heritage. The meeting room at the Minnesota Genealogical Society was full with extra chairs along the walls. There was a very informative talk given by Beth Mullinax of the Minnesota Genealogical Society about Scots living in Ireland. Especially interesting was how the term Scots-Irish may, in some cases, even reference someone claiming only Irish, depending on the area, how many hundreds of years the family has lived in Ireland and has chosen to acclimate into the local society. To follow your Scottish heritage records it may be necessary to look into Ireland.

The next Scottish Interest Group meeting will be November 5th, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Minnesota Genealogical Society in South St. Paul. Anyone interested in looking into their Scottish genealogy is welcome to attend. Jim Olson will be giving a tutorial on using ScotlandsPeople, with examples; and use of other websites. An open discussion will follow.

The address for MNGS is 1185 Concord St. N. Suite 218, South St. Paul, 55075. The telephone number there is (651) 455-9057.

Any questions may be referred to John McKeen at (651) 260-0012
A contribution of \$5.00 would be appreciated to help cover the cost of the meeting room and refreshments.

MN Genealogical Society | 1185 Concord St. N. Suite 218 | South St. Paul, 55075

TCSC - A DAY AT THE MOVIES - NOW PLAYING "LOCAL HERO"

Come join us for a day at the movies on Saturday, November 5, 2pm-5pm! (Note venue change!) We will have a "Pot Luck" ...beginning at 2pm -everyone bring a dish to share! Popcorn, Cold Drinks, Red Rose Tea, Cameron's Coffee and Walker's Shortbread will be provided!

This event is free and open to all! Bring your Family and Friends!

We will be showing: "LOCAL HERO." Local Hero is a 1983 Scottish comedy-drama film starring Peter Riegert and Burt Lancaster. It was directed by Bill Forsyth and produced by David Puttnam. The plot revolves around an American oil company representative who is sent to the fictional village of Ferness on the west coast of Scotland to purchase the town and surrounding property for his company.

Immanuel Lutheran Church | 104 Snelling Avenue South | Saint Paul

NOVEMBER 19th

St. Andrew's Chanhassen Dinner Theater Night

Our St. Andrew's event for this year will be an outing to the Chanhassen Dinner Theater on Saturday, November 19. We will have lunch and see a production of Forever Plaid's "Plaid Tidings". It will be a really fun afternoon and a chance to show off our plaids at the theater. For tickets, contact Don Bruce at bruce1051@comcast.net or 651-492-9181.

501 West 78th Street | Chanhassen, MN

NEWS

'The Stuart Agenda' by Alan Calder

'The Stuart Agenda' by Alan Calder is an intriguing take on history. It describes a conspiracy to get a young scion of the long defunct Stuart royal dynasty on to the throne of newly independent Scotland. Set in the 2030's, fact and fiction merge as Robert, the charismatic Stuart heir strives to regain his heritage. He finds love and the key to his quest in the heady political atmosphere of Scotland at last going independent. It is a political thriller with adventure and romance thrown in. In fact the perfect holiday read.

The Stuart Agenda' has just been published as an e-book by the Willow Moon Publishing Company of New Orleans. You can read excerpts from The Stuart Agenda and download from www.willowmoonpublishing.com as a PDF to computer or i-Pad and other e-readers. You can also free read the first few chapters on amazon.co.uk and download to a Kindle.

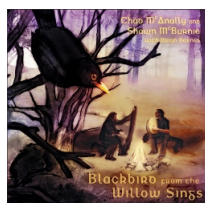
You can also follow Alan's blog at <http://alancalderwriting.blogspot.com>

Gaelic Harper and Traditional Singer Launch Two CDs



National Scottish harp champion Chad McAnally and traditional singer Shawn McBurnie celebrate the release of two CDs: *Blackbird from the Willow Sings* and *Of Bards and Beggars* with a 7:30pm concert on October 22 at The Celtic Junction, 836 Prior Ave North, Saint Paul. Special guests include Rumgumption bandmates Brian Barnes and Adam Modares. \$10 at the door.

In *Blackbird from the Willow Sings* Shawn and Chad collaborate to provide a glimpse of the musical world of Gaelic harp and voice as it might have been. The material covered spans a thousand years, from an Old Irish poem dating from the ninth century to original songs written by Shawn. *Blackbird* will appeal to fans of early music, traditional Scottish and Irish music, and contemporary folk.



KBEM-FM music director Kevin O'Connor says, "Chad McAnally and Shawn McBurnie have pulled off an all-too-rarely accomplished feat with the release of *Blackbird from the Willow Sings*: they have successfully blended the new and the traditional. Neither stale remakes nor pandering pop approaches can be found here. Aided by Rumgumption bandmate and guitarist Brian Barnes, both musicians have infused exciting lyrical and instrumental takes within a dizzying array of material reflective of Celtic/English styles. Dance, lyricism and balladry are all given the royal treatment by a world class ensemble."

Of Bards and Beggars is Chad's first solo Gaelic harp recording and compositional *debut*. It features original compositions, variations and settings of traditional pieces, and the Scots Gaelic song 'Mo Ribhinn Donn' performed by Shawn McBurnie.

For more information visit <http://thecelticjunction.com/home/gaelic-harp-cd-release/>

Chad McAnally is a fiscal year 2010 recipient of an Artist Initiative Grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board. This activity is funded, in part, by the Minnesota arts and cultural heritage fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

The SNIM is sponsored by the Scottish American Center. We welcome news from all variety of Celts. Please send news, announcements, questions and concerns to scottishamericancenter@yahoo.com.

Thank you!
Tiffany Esau-McCracken
Scottish American Center

