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Scottish News in Minnesota



NOVEMBER 2011

EVENTS

OCTOBER 27th - NOVEMBER 5th

Talún Fall Tour!

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

TALÚN on TOUR 2011 ~ Garry Jones with Laura MacKenzie

Talún (Taw'loon, an Irish word meaning earth or ground) is Australian-born composer/guitarist Garry Jones' performance ensemble. For the 2011 tours, he is joined by renowned traditional musician Laura MacKenzie on an array of wind-powered instruments and voice. Together, they perform Garry's compositions along with select traditional pieces (Scottish and Irish) mingled with story and myth. The music of Talún is wrapped around the Fire Eye Suite, five movements celebrating the earth as represented by the sovereign goddesses of Ireland. *The stories and myths are as fascinating as the music is stirring – distinctive, evocative, powerful and beautifully uncommon.*

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

Talún Tour Dates

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

OCTOBER 29th

Celtic Junction hosts Halloween bash to celebrate rise from ashes



The Celtic Junction (TCJ) is having a Grand Re-Opening and Halloween Bash on Oct 29th 1-9 PM at 836 Prior Ave North Saint Paul. The free event includes live music, gallery opening, barn dance, and costume contest. Local Celtic organizations, businesses and TCJ residents will host crafts and activities to support TCJ which is undergoing extensive expansion and remodeling as a direct result of the three alarm fire that occurred in December of 2010.

The remodel has been a daunting undertaking-- and a make or break proposition for TCJ. Natalie O'Shea says, "Cormac and I could not have taken what insurance money we received and rebuilt what we had. To do that, we needed to address four serious code updates; electrical, HVAC, parking and, of course, handicapped accessibility. We talked it over, thought about what we'd seen in the past few years, how TCJ had grown and the community's incredibly positive response and we've decided to go for broke; we'd take the fire as an opportunity to jump ahead with our dreams about what more the Celtic Junction could be".

The expansion includes new dance and performance spaces, a newly designed home for the Center for Irish Music, new office space, and more flexibility. "After only two years, we were starting to run out of room.

This is an opportunity to serve more patrons, more artists, more cultural organizations. We didn't realize how badly a location like TCJ was needed until we actually built it."

The remodel includes a \$50,000 elevator to increase handicap accessibility to the building's three floors. "Natalie states, "Any donations that we receive during our Halloween bash will go directly to the purchase of the lift."

The Celtic Junction opened its doors in May of 2009 to house and nurture the local Celtic arts of dance, music, art and language. It developed into a thriving hub of community, education and performance. TCJ houses a music school, two dance schools, and several organizations including Irish Fair MN. Its performance spaces have hosted concerts by musicians from Ireland to India. To learn more about events and educational opportunities visit www.thecelticjunction.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) focuses on genealogical research and study. We meet at the Minnesota Genealogical Society at 1185 Concord Street N., South Saint Paul, phone: (651) 455-9057. Anyone interested in looking into their Scottish genealogy is welcome to attend.

The next Scottish Interest Group meeting will be November 5th, from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM. James Olson will be giving a tutorial on using ScotlandsPeople, with examples; and use of other websites.

Then we'll have an open general discussion about our S.I.G; kind of an Annual General Meeting.

No need to RSVP. But please come. We need your ideas and input. So, bring your thinking caps, so that we

might look at ways to expand our organization a bit, and reach more people that are on the same search. At least once a year, it is good to consider some structural changes that might improve our organization. One change can be, with a little help from some individuals stepping forward, to sponsor a stronger presence at MGS, like expanding the library of Scottish books. We could all benefit with a larger, more extensive library, and also by scheduling volunteers to help at the computers when the library is open.

Any questions may be referred to John McKeen at (651) 228-0022 john.mckeen@comcast.net
A contribution of \$5.00 would be appreciated to help cover the cost of the meeting room and delicious refreshments.

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

TCSC - 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

St Andrew's Meat Raffles

There will be two Meat Raffles in November, on Saturday, November 5 and Saturday, November 19. They start around 1 pm at the Glockenspiel Restaurant on West 7th Street in St. Paul. Please join Neil Johnson and Mac McPherson to help or come in and buy some raffle tickets and win your Holiday dinner.

Glockenspiel Restaurant | 605 7th Street West | Saint Paul, MN 55102

NOVEMBER 6th

Macalester Pipe Band Fall Concert

November 6th, 2pm

This fall our concert will take place at the John B. Davis Lecture Hall in the Campus Center.

The concert will feature our Grade 5 pipe band, our Grade 3 pipe band, Highland Dancers, as well as some solo performances by some of our excellent pipers and drummers.

If you haven't seen us before now is the time to let yourself listen and enjoy some of the top talent in the Midwest.

Tickets are available at the door.

\$10 for adults

\$5 for under 18 and college students

Free for Macalester Students, staff and faculty with Mac ID

<http://www.macpb.org/>

Macalester College | Saint Paul, Minnesota

NOVEMBER 10th

O'ROURKE'S FEAST

O'ROURKE'S FEAST, a new Irish traditional music ensemble led by button accordion legend Paddy O'Brien, will offer a harvest celebration concert at 7:30 pm on Thursday, November 10 at Hopkins Center for the Arts, 1111 Mainstreet, Hopkins.

What sets O'ROURKE'S FEAST apart from most Irish or Celtic groups is the fact that they are what might be called (for lack of a better term) a 'folk orchestra.' The Chieftains are probably the best-known example of such a group at the moment, but in Ireland there is a long tradition of folk ensembles, including Ceoltoiri Chulann (a forerunner of the Chieftains), and a couple of groups with whom Paddy O'Brien happened to play years ago, Ceoltoiri Laignean and the Castle Ceili Band.

O'ROURKE'S FEAST is a lively seven-piece Irish traditional music ensemble, with a repertoire that includes dance melodies like jigs and reels, but they also play older, sometimes long-neglected material from the Irish tradition, including hornpipes, clan marches, and some beautiful old slow airs and songs. The group also plays some original music, composed in traditional style. The band is

composed of: Danielle Enblom, Nathan Gourley and Ann Sandberg on fiddle; Suzanne Rhees and Amy Shaw on flute; Paddy O'Brien on button accordion; and Sherry Ladig on piano.

O'ROURKE'S FEAST takes its name from a song composed by Turlough O'Carolan, a blind harper who was born in 1670 and died in 1738. The song, with lyrics by Jonathan Swift, author of *Gulliver's Travels*, commemorated a famous banquet given by Brian na Murtha O'Rourke, a powerful chieftain of Ulster during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I.

O'ROURKE'S FEAST is led by button accordion master Paddy O'Brien, a native of County Offaly in Ireland, and renowned all over the world as a walking encyclopedia of Irish traditional music. Paddy has been rehearsing with O'Rourke's Feast for more than four years, cultivating the ensemble's unique and authentic traditional sound.

Admission for the concert is \$15 for adults, and \$10 for children and seniors. Hopkins Center for the Arts is a fully accessible performance space.

Sample recordings, a small sample listing of tunes, and band members' biographies follow; for more information about O'Rourke's Feast, please visit the group's website at <http://www.paddyobrien.net/orourkes-feast/>

This concert is presented with support from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council.

Hopkins Center for the Arts | 1111 Mainstreet | Hopkins

NOVEMBER 12th

Taylor's Falls Art Show in the Depot: Don and Sherry Ladig of Dunquin

Saturday, November 12th from noon--3:30 p.m. Taylor's Falls Art Show in the Depot: Don and Sherry Ladig of Dunquin play music for the 30th annual show of regional artisans; complimentary refreshments, Celtic music and first-class handmade items make this one of the regions best art shows.

Full details and directions: <http://www.sherryladig.com>

Taylor's Falls Community Center | 312 Government Street | Taylor's Falls, MN

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

DECEMBER 10th

TCSC Christmas Party



Saturday, December 10, 1pm - 5pm

A Scottish Christmas Party for all ages!

Bring the children/grandchildren and friends! We'll start with at "PotLuck"- Bring a luncheon dish to share! Dessert will be provided. We'll have our very own "Scottish Santa"...and entertainment, games and crafts for all ages!

Macalester Plymouth United Church | 1658 Lincoln Avenue | St. Paul

DECEMBER 13th

Celtic Holiday with Laura MacKenzie and the Lads

Tuesday, December 13, 8pm

MPR calls Laura MacKenzie (flutes, whistles, concertina, pipes) the "High Priestess of Celtic Music" and the Minnesota State Arts Board has recognized her as Master Folk Artist. She will be joined by The Lads (Gary Rue, guitar and voice, and Michael Bissonette, percussion) as well as Irish dancers in a holiday show combining traditional artistry with a modern twist. Tickets: \$20 (See ticket discounts)

<http://www.lauramackenzie.com>

NEWS

Iain Donald McGillvary receives scholarship from Duluth Kiwanis

Iain Donald McGillvary burst upon the Twin Cities scene several years ago when he first appeared on the stage of the Scottish Rumble as a fiddler with the Double Fiddles group from Duluth. The group, with Iain on the fiddle, bagpipes, tin whistle and doing the amazing voice music that he does, have grown in popularity wherever they perform.

Iain is currently a senior at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth and studying, among other things, Spanish. Recently, the Kiwanis Club of Duluth award a cash scholarship to Iain that was presented at their regular luncheon meeting. To show his appreciation, Iain gave a short musical program on the bagpipes that included his now well known "marching" piece.

Congratulations, Iain!

Barbara Reyelts inducted into Minnesota Museum of Broadcasting Hall of Fame

Barbara Jean Reyelts is a well known and much loved figure in the Scottish community of the Twin Ports/Northland. As the founder of the Duluth Scottish Heritage Association's School of Highland Dance she now co-teaches with her first student, Diana Bouschor Dodge. In addition she has been a member of the drum corp with the DSHA Pipe Band. Barbara was the recipient of the 2010 Minnesota Tartan Day Lifetime Achievement Award for her contributions to the Scottish community of Minnesota.

Barbara is also a familiar face and voice within the broadcast community of the Northland. She has served as a broadcaster in several capacities with KBJR including reporter, news anchor, and currently news director. For her work in broadcasting Barbara has won numerous regional, state and federal awards for her investigative reports. In 2006 The National Academy of Television honored Barbara with their highest honor "The Silver Circle Award" for her on-going, significant, contributions to journalism. In 2007 Barbara won "The Marsh Nelson Award" from Grandma's Marathon, for her contributions to this event and to her community.

It was a natural next step, then, when Barbara was included with the 2011 Inductees to the Museum of Broadcasting Hall of Fame. Barbara joins many well known, state wide broadcasters including Earl Henton and Dave Moore. Additional information about this very prestigious award can be found at: <http://www.pavekmuseum.org/hall.htm>.

Congratulations, Barbara!

Northeast South Dakota Celtic Faire and Games Thank You

The Northeast South Dakota Celtic Faire and Games committee would like to thank everyone for supporting us yet again. Although we had some poor weather on Saturday, we still had a really good turn out by the end of the weekend. On the bright side, it was weather typical of Ireland or the Scottish Highlands, so in a way, it was in the theme of things! Next year will be our 5th anniversary so we hope everyone will come out and see all the special events we will have to mark that milestone. Thanks again.

Robin O'Neill
NESD Celtic Faire

MSF&HG Stocking Stuffers



Christmas is right around the corner, in need os some stocking stuffers??

We have the "BEST" Stocking stuffer idea for you, your friends, and family!

We have some discount tickets for the MN Scottish Fair and Highland Games 2012! The event will be held on May 19, 2012 at the Dakota County Fairgrounds in Farmington, MN.

The normal price of adult admission is \$15.00 per person, however, we have tickets for you to purchase at \$12.00 each. THAT'S A \$3.00 SAVINGS PER PERSON!! In addition, this coming year the Fair has also added a Thrifty Scot Family Pack *, which allows 2 adults and up to 6children (under the age of 16) admission to the Fair for only \$35.00! This ticket presale is for a "limited time", so get your tickets today!

Please make your checks payable to the "MSFHG" (Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games. The check should be sent to Scottish Fair Tickets, 14 Mission Road West , Bloomington , MN 55420 . Please include \$12.00 for each adult and/or \$35.00 for each Thrifty Scot Family Pack ticket you wish to receive, along with your name and address to send the tickets to.

This ticket sale is open to all, so tell your family and friends! Don't miss out on this great discount ticket opportunity to attend the MN Scottish Fair and Highland Games 2012!

* available for presale tickets only

Give to the Max Day!

Greetings GiveMNians!



The excitement is building with just a few weeks until Give to the Max Day! The Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games will again be participating so mark your calendar for November 16!

Check our facebook page for more details to come: www.facebook.com/mnscottishfair

<http://givemn.razoo.com/story/Minnesota-Scottish-Fair-And-Highland-Games>

2011 British Arrows Awards (formerly British Television Advertising Awards)

With more than 150 ads—celebrated, debated, even hated—the annual screenings of the British Arrows Awards (formerly known as the British Television Advertising Awards) are one of the Walker's most popular programs. Join in this 75-minute feast of astounding stunts, tear-jerking moments, micro-epics, bawdy scenarios, and feel-good spectacles! Revel in the wit and sauciness, the double entendres, and sheer visual gorgeousness!

Please call the Walker box office to purchase tickets: 612.375.7600

<http://calendar.walkerart.org/event.wac?id=6525>

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
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