

WHISTLE - BEGINNERS

10.00am to 11.00am in Collingwood Town Hall.

Fee - \$15 per person

CONCERTINA - BEGINNERS

10.00am to 11.00am in Collingwood Town Hall.

Fee - \$15 per person

FIDDLE - BEGINNERS

11.00am to 12.30pm in Collingwood Town Hall.

Fee - \$15 per person

FLUTE & BODHRAN

11.00am to 12.30pm in Collingwood Town Hall.

Fee - \$15 per person

SINGING

10.00am to 11.00am in Collingwood Town Hall.

Fee - \$15 per person

TWO-HAND DANCING

10.00am to 12.30pm in Collingwood Town Hall.

Fee - \$15 per person

SET DANCING

1.00pm to 4.30pm in Collingwood Town Hall.

Fee - \$15 per person

FIDDLE MASTER CLASS

Teacher – KEVIN BURKE.

2.00pm to 3.30pm in Collingwood Town Hall.

Fee - \$30 per person

GUITAR MASTER CLASS

Teacher – GED FOLEY.

2.00pm to 3.30pm in Collingwood Town Hall.

Fee - \$20 per person

UILLEANN PIPES MASTER CLASS

Teacher – PADDY KEENAN

12.30pm to 2.00pm in Collingwood Town Hall.

Fee - \$35 per person

If you are interested in attending any of the music workshops please contact Noel McGrann at mcgrann@optusnet.com.au or on mobile 0408 887 320 or visit our website at www.comhaltas.com

If you are interested in attending any of the dance workshops please contact Noel McGrann, details above, or Marie Brouder on 9471 0690 or visit our website at www.comhaltas.com

The **Free Concert** is being held in the Senior Citizens Centre which is situated at 4 Eddy Court Abbotsford, situated behind Collingwood Town Hall.

The **Céile** will start at approx 7.30pm with music by well known Melbourne musician Paddy Fitzgerald and friends. Entry fee is \$15 per adult and children under 16 free.

The Melbourne Comhaltas meet every Wednesday night from 7.30pm for music and dance classes, or you can just drop in for a chat. We meet at St Philip's church hall on Hoddle Street, Abbotsford adjacent to the Collingwood Town Hall.

www.comhaltas.com



IRISH CULTURAL DAY

SUNDAY 25TH MARCH 2006

VENUE:

COLLINGWOOD TOWN HALL

Hosted by the Melbourne Comhaltas Inc



COMHALTAS

Proudly sponsored by the City of Yarra



Please see over for more details

The Melbourne Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann is hosting a day of Irish culture, music, dance and song performed by international and local artists.

MUSICAL WORKSHOPS

Whistle for beginners – learn the rudiments of with tin whistle with Noel Mc Grann who currently teaches at the Comhaltas every Wednesday night

Concertina for beginners – Given by Mark McDonnell.

Fiddle for beginners – this is being taken by Aiden Barker from the ever popular Irish trad. Band, Trouble in the Kitchen.

Flute and Bodhran – Ben Stephenson, also from Trouble in the Kitchen, will be this class for experience musicians.

A Fiddle master class will be given by Kevin Burke, see over. As only limited spaces are available for this workshop please contact Noel McGrann at mcgrann@optusnet.com.au for registration.

Guitar – Ged Foley, who is on tour with Kevin, will be taking a workshop, see over.

Uilleann Pipes - A class will be taken by Paddy Keenan, a renowned exponent of both the whistle and uilleann pipes who is also here on tour. See over

Singing – A workshop in Irish traditional singing will be given by Catherine Clements.

DANCE WORKSHOPS

Two Hand Dances – A workshop for beginners will be given by Marie Brouder who currently teaches at the Comhaltas every Wednesday night.

Set Dancing – This workshop will be taken by Alannah Fitzpatrick..

FREE CONCERT

A concert will take place throughout the day from **11.00 am to approx 5.00pm** with performances by local and international musicians. Also, step dancing exhibitions, story telling, poetry and singing will be held.

This will be performed in the Senior Citizens Centre adjacent to the Collingwood Town Hall

CEILE

A **Céile**, an Irish dance, will be held in Collingwood Town Hall in the evening starting approximately at 7.30pm till late for everyone to come along and take part.

KEVIN BURKE

Kevin is one of the most influential musicians to emerge from the Irish traditional music revival in the last 30 years. He was the cornerstone of the legendary Irish group **The Bothy Band** and has also played with Celtic super groups such as **Patrick Street and The Celtic Fiddle Festival**.

He is also a highly regarded and passionate tutor of Irish traditional fiddle music.

GED FOLEY

Ged is an acknowledged master of the guitar as well as a gifted singer and has become a deft and somewhat obsessed fiddler. His career spans **The Battlefield Band, the House Band, Patrick Street and the Celtic Fiddle Festival**.

Kevin and Ged are touring Australia together from March to April.

PADDY KEENAN

Paddy Keenan is generally acknowledged as the most accomplished uilleann piper performing today, He is certainly one of the most brilliant musicians of his generation. He was also a key member of the Bothy Band

Paddy's lightning-fast playing style can be traced directly back to the legendary piper, Johnny Doran.