



Irish Arts Week, July 26-30, 2004

**Irish Arts Workshops for kids & teens (ages 6-18)
9 am – 4:30 p.m. at Unity Center of Columbia**



Join us for a fun, hands- and feet-on experience with Irish music, dance, language and culture!!

For the fourth year, CMCAAs annual Summer Arts Program will bring guest artists-in-residence from Ireland to teach and perform in Columbia. This year we have University College Cork music student, **Úna Ní Fhlannagáin** visiting, as well as returning UCC student **Helen Gubbins**. They will teach music and language classes from June 7 - August 17 and coordinate activities during our Irish Arts Week.

Topics offered this year:

Irish Step Dancing - Similar to the dancing seen in *Riverdance* and *Lord of the Dance*, step dancing is a fun, rhythmic, athletic form of performance dance unique to the Irish tradition.

Sean Nos Dancing – Sean nos or “old style” crosses over both step and social dancing. It’s an individual dance style, but uses the low, rhythmic battering steps that ornament set dancing in certain regions of Ireland.

The Irish Song Tradition -- Oral tradition is alive and well in Ireland and is reflected in songs old and new. We'll use age-appropriate material for each age group to explore the various song traditions.

Irish Music on the Tin Whistle – The six-holed tin whistle is the most basic instrument in traditional music. You'll learn to play the tin whistle and to play a variety of Irish tunes – jigs, reels, hornpipes and airs

Irish Fiddle – For students already learning to play fiddle or violin and have an instrument. You will have an opportunity to work on playing techniques and learning tunes by ear in this class.

Irish Language Learn basic phrases and conversation in Irish Gaelic, the native language of Ireland.



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REGISTRATION FORM

Choose 5 topics and mark your alternate choice with an **A**:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Irish Step Dancing | <input type="checkbox"/> Song tradition | <input type="checkbox"/> Celtic Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Irish History (teens) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tin Whistle | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiddle | <input type="checkbox"/> Irish Gaelic Language | <input type="checkbox"/> Social dancing (teens) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All About Ireland | <input type="checkbox"/> Instrument Test Drive | <input type="checkbox"/> Sean nos dancing | <input type="checkbox"/> Irish Writers (teens) |

Student's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: (evening): _____ (day): _____ Student's age: _____ M/F _____

Contact e-mail address for parent: _____

More topics to choose from....

All About Ireland – learn about the counties, provinces folklore and people of Ireland. Are there really leprechauns? Where are the Aran Islands? What are dolmens and standing stones?

Celtic Art – We'll learn about the themes in art from Celtic countries – the spirals and knotwork from standing stones and illuminated manuscripts, pottery and fibers, and create some artwork.

Folk Instrument Test Drive – think you might want to play a folk instrument? In this class you can try a variety of instruments and learn about them from local and visiting musicians who play each instrument. Instruments we plan to introduce: Irish harp, fiddle, accordion, flute, mandolin, guitar, banjo, bodhrán and bones (percussion).



Irish Writers, Poets and Playwrights (teens) – Irish writers are some of the most prolific and outstanding in the world of literature. From James Joyce, Brendan Behan, Patrick Kavanagh to modern authors such as Frank McCourt and Maeve Binchy, we'll sample their writing and find common threads.

Overview of Irish History – A short-course on the major events in Irish history from ancient times to modern day.

Irish Social Dancing – Remember the party scene in "Titanic" where the Irish immigrants are dancing? If that looked like fun, this class is for you! You'll learn the basics of Irish "ceili dance" (kay-lee) and "set dance" for groups. These are ancestors of American folk dancing forms such as contra, square and line dancing and done mainly just for fun in informal, social settings.

Weekly Classes June 7 – August 17

In addition to the Irish Arts Week workshops, we'll be offering weekly classes and individual lessons throughout the summer for all ages! Most classes will meet on Monday or Tuesday evenings.

Irish folk harp Fiddle Tin Whistle Irish Language
Sean nos singing Accordion Sean nos dancing

Second Friday Irish dances! Come join us at First Christian Church in Columbia for Irish music and dance evenings. We hold a céilí (music and dance evening) on the second Friday of every month, for all ages and ability levels. Live music! Beginners are very welcome. All dances are taught first.

Upcoming dates: June 11, July 9, August 13

Please see our web site for more details on these and other opportunities, and lots of photos of our past events!

www.moceltic.org

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Central MO Celtic Arts Assn director Kate Akers, phone:573-442-2048 or see **www.moceltic.org**

Irish Arts Week Registration – July 26 – 30

Fee information (circle the fee that applies to you)

Registration date: On or before July 1: \$225 After July 1: \$250
A morning-only (half-day) option is available for kids 12 & under: \$150 (\$165 after July 1)
Family discount: \$15 per student when two or more students from the same family register.



This registration form must be accompanied by a **\$50 non-refundable deposit**. The remaining balance and signed permission form (will be mailed to you) are due by July 15. Return registration form to:

CMCAA 1411 Anthony St., Columbia MO 65201

All workshop materials are included in the registration fee. Students do not need special shoes for dance classes. We'll provide snacks, but kids should bring a sack lunch each day... and be ready for a lot of FUN!