

MID-WINTER CELTIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, February 14th, 2026

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Door - 7:30 • Show - 8:00

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TICKETS \$20 at THE EXCHANGE website [<https://theexchangelive.ca/tickets>]
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FESTIVAL AFTERNOON

Free performances and workshops 12 noon until 4:30 with displays and information
from local Celtic groups and vendors.

www.reginacelticfestival.org



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Welcome to the MWCF!

The Mid-Winter Ceilidh began in about 1990 as a winter fundraiser and volunteer warm-up for the Regina Folk Festival. The Regina Folk Festival had pipers involved early on, and it wasn't long before the newly formed City of Regina Pipe Band was playing. Then, the Regina Folk Festival decided to drop the event, and the pipe band took over and has been running it ever since.

Over the years, we've had some brilliant musical performances, and it has been a showcase for the City of Regina Pipe Band in the community. When able, we've always tried to include as much of the wider Celtic community as we could, and you'll see that tradition continues. This has been reflected in the "festival" part of the event. When you visit the Festival during the day, you see and hear diverse and excellent performers from Regina, and have the chance to learn about groups in the community, other events, volunteer opportunities, and we'll even have a few vendors selling Celtic wares.

All proceeds from the Festival go to supporting the City of Regina Pipe Band and the Conservatory Pipe Band, our youth band. As part of our partnership with the Conservatory at the University of Regina, the CRPB supplies all instruments and uniforms for the youth band. It's a costly undertaking.

We are grateful for our sponsors, whose support makes it all possible. Special thanks to Regina Plumbing and Heating for their major sponsorship of the band organization.

Our thanks to the volunteers, including the many excellent community groups who have agreed to participate. We hope you'll enjoy the day of activity, and we look forward to seeing you all out on the dance floor at the Mid-Winter Ceilidh!



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Afternoon Stage Performances at the MWCF



The free afternoon stage performances feature many of the excellent Celtic groups in Regina. Looking after the stage is Master of Ceremonies Vincent Murphy, well known to stages across Saskatchewan and on the airwaves via his excellent broadcasts on CJTR Access Community Radio, 91.3 FM.

12:30 pm - The Flatland Fiddlers

This teen group of talented local youth musicians

share a love of fiddle music, and work hard to play and perform complex arrangements of old and new tunes. The group is directed by Flatland Fiddling Studio director

Emily Dubois, and is fundraising for an exciting trip to Cape Breton and PEI for next year! Donate to their fundraising efforts and take a free sticker!



1:00 pm - Regina Police Service P&D

The Regina Police Service Pipes and Drums are a competition and performance group representing the RPS at many functions in Regina.

<https://www.facebook.com/rpspd.ca/>



1:30 pm - Blakey School of Irish Dance



Blakey is the longest-running school in Sask. We offer top-level tuition and also have workshops with other Blakey teachers on a regular basis, offering our dancers exposure to the wider dance community in North America. Blakey dancers have placed on the podium at the World, All Ireland, Great Britain and North American Irish Dance championships.

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2:00 pm - Saskatchewan RCMP Pipes, Drums & Dancers

The group is comprised of RCMP members and community performers. They represent the RCMP at events such as the famous Sunset Ceremony at RCMP Depot, and members of the band have performed around the world as part of a Canadian RCMP pipe band. <https://www.facebook.com/rbcmppipebanddepot>



2:30 pm - Fiddler Aislinn McDougall

Aislinn McDougall grew up in a family of musicians with a strong focus on Cape Breton and the wider Celtic music scene, and since then has immersed herself in local sessions wherever her travels have taken her. Check out her research project display at the festival, while she lays down some great tunes.

3:00 pm - Regina Highland Dancing Association

The Regina Highland Dance Association is a youth-focused organization that provides opportunities for young people to develop physical fitness through participation in Highland Dance at both competitions and performances.

<http://rhda.ca/wp/our-team/who-we-are/>

3:30 pm - The Conservatory of Performing Arts Pipe Band

Formed as the youth band for the City of Regina Pipe Band, the Conservatory band is a collaborative project supported by both the Conservatory and the CRPB. We teach youth starting age 8 to play pipes and drums. Use the QR code in our display ad to find out more!

4:00 pm - Living Skies Irish Dance



Living Skies offers classes for dance enthusiasts age three and up. Whether one is looking for traditional or contemporary Irish dance, or dance fitness, Living Skies Irish Dance has something to offer everyone

<https://livingskiesirishdance.com/>

Free Workshops at the MWCF

One of the ways we try to give back to the community is by providing free learning opportunities. These are for either jumping in to try something, or just sitting back to enjoy!

2:00 pm - Learning Your First Scottish Country Dance

The Regina Scottish Country Dancers will introduce to this fun and social form of dance! No experience needed. Scottish country dancing is a traditional form of folk dance associated with Scottish culture. The Regina Scottish Country Dancers dance Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the Victoria Club. It is a great opportunity for fun, friendship, and fitness done to lively music. We would love to have you join us for an evening of dancing. You can contact us via the group email reginascottishcountrydancers@gmail.com or visit our website at: <https://reginascottishcountrydancers.org/>



3:00 pm - Tenor Drumming: Wanna Try? Betcha can!

This 40-minute workshop is for anyone who is curious about pipe band tenor drumming. North American Champion Kate Dudek will show you a few simple movements and then we'll play along to a real parade tune!

3:50 pm - Celtic Sing Along - A fun session led by Barbara MacDonald covering some well-loved songs and some new favourites. Science tells us that singing in groups is one of the most fulfilling of human experiences, so come along and join voices to lift your Mid-Winter spirits!

Displays and Shops at the Festival

Community organizations are on display in the afternoon, and we encourage you to check them out. There will be information and conversation about many great activities in Regina, a chance to volunteer, and maybe it's time to finally try Scottish County Dancing?

The Saskatchewan Highland Gathering & Celtic Festival
<https://www.saskhighland.ca/>

The Conservatory Pipe Band
<https://www.conservatorypipeband.org/>

Regina Scottish Country Dancers
<https://reginascottishcountrydancers.org/>

The Living Skies School of Irish Dance
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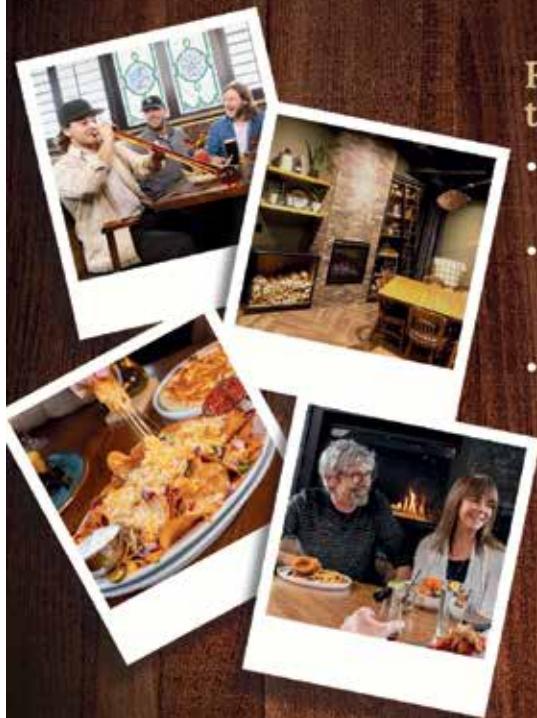
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Finding “the carrying stream”: Locating and Defining “Traditional” Irish/Scottish Music in Saskatchewan through Autoethnography and Community Connections - Come into the main hall to learn about an exciting research project that could involve your lived experience in Celtic culture. Dr. Aislinn McDougall is in charge of the project, and will also be playing some tunes on the stage.

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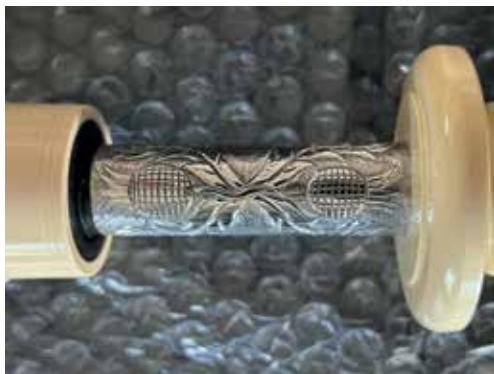


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Mid-Winter Ceilidh Performances

The doors open at 7:30 pm for an amazing evening of music and dance, managed by Master of Ceremonies Andrew Gallagher.

8:00 pm - The City of Regina Pipe Band - Saskatchewan Champions continuously since 1993, band strives to maintain a Grade 2 competitive standard, while at the same time providing a training ground for young players, and a springboard for musicians who want to go on the highest level bands. The band is sponsored by **Regina Plumbing & Heating**.



Joining us will be **Courtney Horejda** who has represented Saskatchewan at national championships and who also happens to be the sister of one of the band members. Watch for Irish dancers **Jenah Healy** and **Ainsley Sax** to step out with the band also! Jenah plays snare drum with the pipe band and is also a member of the Saskatchewan Youth Orchestra.

8:45 pm - Dances -
Featuring Courtney, Jenah and Ainsley and **Annette Summerfield** with an amazing array of Celtic dance forms.

9:30 pm - The Tilted Kilts - The Tilted Kilts are a high-energy, Scottish/Irish and East Coast folk/rock group based in Regina. They specialize in an infectious mix of traditional and contemporary Celtic. Their brand of up tempo kitchen party music is appropriate for all ages and interests.



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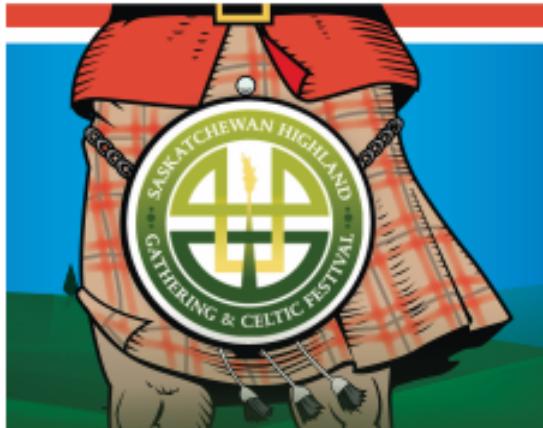
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