



## Baltimore Irish Arts Center

# Irish Music Lessons

Winter 2012

6 Saturdays Jan 7, 14, 21, 28 & Feb 11 & 18

11AM - 12:30PM

at First & St. Stephens United Church of Christ (York & Regester)

- ◆ Small group classes with nationally known traditional Irish musicians
- ◆ Fun, social setting - meet other musicians
- ◆ Student showcase

The Baltimore Irish Arts Center is back! We are once again offering small group classes in Traditional Irish Music taught by some of the east coast's best Irish musicians. There will be six 1.5 hour long classes on Saturday mornings from 11am-12:30pm. Students will also participate in a Student Showcase at the end of the series.

Classes will be offered in the following (\*see class descriptions on reverse side):

Button Accordion - *Billy & Sean McComiskey*  
 Fiddle (intermediate/adv.) - *Jimmy Eagan*  
 Fiddle (beginning) - *Donna Long*

Tin Whistle/Flute - *Laura Byrne*  
 Bodhran - *Myron Bretholz*  
 Intro to Irish Arts (for kids 6-10) - *Lucy Jickling*

Tuition: \$140 if registered by 1/3/12 (\$150 after 1/3/12)

For more information call 443-629-8699 or email [laurabyrnemusic@gmail.com](mailto:laurabyrnemusic@gmail.com)  
 or visit [www.baltimoreirisharts.com](http://www.baltimoreirisharts.com) (online ordering available after Dec. 6th)

### REGISTRATION FORM

✂ Cut here

#### Pre-registration is required

Tuition for all six classes is \$140 if registered by Jan 3. (\$150 after Jan 3.)

#### Complete form and send with payment to:

BIAC—Laura Byrne  
 2905 Louise Avenue  
 Baltimore, MD 21214

Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Level  Beginning  
 Intermediate/advanced

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount Enclosed

\*If under 18, please complete bottom of page two of this form

Please enclose a check for \$75 (deposit) payable to *Baltimore Irish Arts Center*. The remaining balance is due at the first class. An email confirmation will be sent to you with more information. If your class is canceled due to lack of response, your deposit will be refunded.

# Class Descriptions

Classes to be held at First & St. Stephen's United Church of Christ, 6915 York Road, Baltimore

## Accordion

This class is designed for students of the button accordion with some prior experience. Students should at least have a working knowledge of the keyboard and basic scales. Tunes will be taught traditionally, breaking them down into easy-to-learn sections at slow and moderate tempos. Ornamentation and bass accompaniment options will be demonstrated and discussed, as well as alternate fingerings and styles of play.

## Flute/ Tin Whistle (Beginning—Intermediate)

This class is for those with at least a year of musical experience. The tin whistle is a great way to get started playing Irish music and is relatively easy to learn for those who have played other instruments in the past and for young flute and wood wind players. Beginning—intermediate Irish flute players are also welcome. Students will learn several tunes by ear and the class will cover ornamentation, breathing, technique and tone. Contact us for instrument recommendations.

## Beginning Fiddle

Designed for fiddlers who have studied the violin or fiddle for at least 8 months to a year and can play scales comfortably as well as a simple tune or two (ie. Twinkle Twinkle Little Star). Irish tunes will be taught by ear and basic ornamentation will be discussed.

## Advanced Fiddle

This class is designed for violinists or fiddlers with at least 2 –3 years experience who are interested in learning to play Irish music and for those already playing Irish music who want to improve technique and Irish tune repertoire. Ornamentation, technique, styles and variations will be covered in depth and the class will learn several tunes by ear.

## Bodhran - Irish Drumming

All levels welcome! Learn different rhythm patterns to accompany jigs, reels, hornpipes, polkas, and more. Bring your bodhran and tipper to class. Email us ahead of time and we will let you know where you can purchase a good drum.

## Intro to Irish Arts (for kids ages 6 to 10)

A fun and educational class for children ages 6-10. Through a variety of activities, this class will explore traditional Irish music, play instruments, dance and create works of art. Tin whistles will be available to purchase at the first class for \$10 each or they may be borrowed for classroom use.

## For Parents/Guardians:

Please list name and cell phone numbers of those authorized to pick up your child at 12:30.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Any known allergies or medical conditions? \_\_\_\_\_

By my signature below, I (the registrant or parent/guardian of the child/minor registrant) agree not to hold the staff, BIAC, or First and St. Stephens United Church of Christ liable for any accidental injuries sustained during classes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name