

2019 MAINE CELTIC CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

Friday, July 19

Main Stage Area

- 3:30 pm **Piping in the Celebration with Black Point**
(Roderick MacLeod, Archibald Laird, and Al Baker provide a traditional start to the weekend Celebration.)
- 4:00 pm **Darby's Session Group in the Beer Tent (Top of the Hill)**
(Enjoy a session up at the Beer Tent with Belfast's own local musicians.)
- 5:00 pm **Black Point Pipe and Drum Group**
(Official opening ceremonies for the 2019 Maine Celtic Celebration.)
- 5:45 pm **Gus LaCasse**
(This young prodigy is known for his precise, fiery fiddling.)
- 7:00 pm **The Napper Tannies**
(Lift your glasses to toe-tapping pub-style tunes.)
- 8:15 pm **Genticorum**
(A Quebecois trio with fiddle, flute and accordion, blending in gorgeous vocal harmonies. A real crowd pleaser!)

Saturday, July 20

Main Stage on the Common

- 10:00 am **TBA**
- 11:00 am **Belfast Bay Fiddlers**
(A dedicated group of locals who gather weekly in Belfast to play, preserve and celebrate Acadian and Celtic roots music.)
- 12:00 pm **Laura Scott Dancers**
(The dancers demonstrate the beauty, spirit, and grace of Celtic culture, incorporating both Cape Breton step and Highland dance.)
- 12:45 pm **Vacationland Ceili Band**
(A seasoned group of musicians consisting of fiddle, uilleann pipes, flute, and guitar/tenor banjo.)
- 2:00 pm **The Galley Rats**
(Local favorites harmonize brilliantly on Celtic, maritime, and bluegrass music.)
- 3:15 pm **Genticorum**
(A Quebecois trio with fiddle, flute and accordion, blending in gorgeous vocal harmonies. A real crowd pleaser!)
- 4:30 pm **Daymark**
(International trio performing traditional Irish music with infectious energy.)

- 5:45 pm **Gabriel Donohue with Marian Makins & Seamus Connolly**
(Irish born multi-instrumentalist, singer and songwriter, Donohue is joined by singer Marian Makins, and Seamus Connolly, master fiddle player! This trio offers a fantastic blend of music and culture!)
- 7:00 pm **Joey Abarta & Owen Marshall**
The best of the best! Joey Abarta, uilleann piper and Owen Marshall, bouzouki player are sure to deliver a brilliant performance!
- 8:15 pm **The John Byrne Band**
(This Philadelphia based band has strong Irish roots and tours across the US and Ireland. They give a powerful and moving performance...not to be missed!)
- 9:20 pm **FIREWORKS!**

Steamboat Stage

- 9.30 am **Dog Parade**
(Parade around the grounds led by kilted pipers.)
- 10:00 am **Celtic Breeds Dog Show**
(Owners show and tell about their breeds.)
- 11:15 am **Jennifer Armstrong**
(Celtic stories, songs and multi-instrumental performance.)
- 12:30 pm **Gus LaCasse**
(This young prodigy is known for his precise, fiery fiddling.)
- 1:30 pm **Kilt Contest**
(Who wears it best? A family friendly competition for all wearing plaid.)
- 2:15 pm **Piper's Showcase**
(Joey Abarta leads a showcase demonstrating pipes from many traditions.)
- 3:30 pm **Laura Scott Dancers**
(The dancers demonstrate the beauty, spirit, and grace of Celtic culture, incorporating both Cape Breton step dance and Highland dance.)
- 4:30 pm **Napper Tandies**
(Toe-tapping pub-style tunes to enjoy in the afternoon.)

Boat House Workshops

- 9:30 am **Breakfast Session**
(All invited to start the day. Bring your own breakfast!)
- 11:00 am **Irish Flute with Grey Larsen**
(An accomplished flute player and author of books on Irish music will share his talent and knowledge of the flute.)
- 12:15 pm **Inside Quebecois Traditional Music with Genticorum**
(All you always wanted to know about Quebecois music but were afraid to ask...now's your chance!)
- 1:30 **Dance Workshop with Laura Scott Dancers**
(Try out some Highland dance styles.)
- 2:45 pm **Fiddle Technique with Alden Robinson**
(Learn and perfect your technique with a master teacher of the fiddle.)

- 4:00 pm **The History of Bagpipes with Al Baker**
(For anyone who has ever wondered about the evolution of the bagpipes.)
- 9:30 pm **The Mighty Session**
(The fun continues with this traditional Irish session! All are welcome to join in or come and just listen. A cash bar will be available.)

Other Saturday Events

- 8:30 am **The Kilted Canter 5K Road Race/Walk**
(Where the pleats meet the streets. Located at the Belfast Area High School. Register in advance or at 7:30 am before the race. Organized by the Belfast Rotary Club.)
- 9:30 am **The Dog Parade and Show**
(Meet at the Steamboat Stage with your dog and parade around the site led by kilted pipers. Parade followed by Celtic Breeds Dog Show.)
- 1:00 & 4:30 pm **Sheepdog Herding Demonstration**
(Watch Border Collies move ducks and sheep around a penned area on the field at Steamboat Landing.)
- 12-4:00 pm **The Children's Area**
(Various children's activities including arts and crafts, relay races, and the Not So Heavy Games like the Wellington Boot Toss.)
- 9:20 pm **FIREWORKS!** – *Sponsored by the City of Belfast*
- 9:30 pm **The Mighty Session in the Boathouse**
(The fun continues with this traditional Irish session! All are welcome to join in or come and just listen. A cash bar will be available.)

Sunday, July 21

Main Stage on the Common

- 10:15 am **Anah Highland Pipe and Drum Group**
(What's a celebration of Celtic heritage without a whole lot of kilts, bagpipes, and drums?)
- 11:30 am **Stillson Sisters Dance Troupe**
(New England Champions of Irish hard and soft shoe dance.)
- 12:15 pm **Daymark**
(International trio performing traditional Irish music with infectious energy.)
- 1:15 pm **New World Cheese Roll Championships** – *Sponsored by the State of Maine Cheese Company*
(Run, stumble, and tumble down the hill on the Common for the highly coveted cheese wheel!)
- 2:00 pm **Gabriel Donohue with Seamus Connolly & Marian Makins**
(Irish born multi-instrumentalist, singer and songwriter, Donohue is joined by singer Marian Makins, and Seamus Connolly, master fiddle player! This trio offers a fantastic blend of music and culture!)
- 3:15 pm **The John Byrne Band**
(This band has played Celtic festivals across the US, offering songs rich with the sounds of Irish tradition.)
- 4:30 pm **Joey Abarta & Owen Marshall**
(Joey Abarta & Owen Marshall...Witness the magic of uilleann pipes and bouzouki. Expect a grand performance from these two highly acclaimed musicians!)
- 5:30 pm **Black Point Pipe & Drum**
(Official closing of the Maine Celtic Celebration of 2019.)

Steamboat Stage

- 10:15 am **Doolally Dance Group**
(Celtic dances such as Scottish, Cape Breton and Irish jigs and reels.)
- 11:30 am **Alex Bigney - Harpist**
(A repertoire of traditional Celtic tunes and original compositions ranging from the melancholy and reflective to the rousing and toe-tapping.)
- 12:45 pm **The Strayaways**
(A lively local group playing accordion, fiddle, tin whistle and guitar...Hup!)
- 2:00 pm **Lindsay Straw & Jordan Santiago**
(A vibrant combination of mandolin/fiddle, guitar and song.)
- 3:15 pm **Grey Larsen**
(An accomplished flute player, tin whistle and author shares his talent.)
- 4:30 pm **The Galley Rats**
(Local favorites harmonize brilliantly on Celtic, maritime, and bluegrass music.)

Boat House Workshops

- 9:30 am **Open Breakfast Session**
(What better way to start your Sunday morning? Bring your own breakfast!)
- 11:00 am **Storytelling with Jennifer Armstrong**
(Learning the technique of telling a good story.)
- 12:15 pm **Bodhran with John Byrne**
(The Irish drum is the pulse of Irish music.)
- 1:30 pm **The Foundation of Piping with Joey Abarta**
(Basic piping ornamentation, tone, and piping repertoire.)
- 2:45 pm **Tin Whistle with Will Woodson**
(Get pointers from this accomplished teacher of pipes, flute, and whistle.)
- 4:00 pm **Accompanying Celtic Tunes with Lindsay Straw and Jordan Santiago**
(Tips on what to do to bring out the best in the music.)

Other Sunday Events

- 10:00 am The **14th annual *Kirkin' o' the Tartans*** will be celebrated at The First Church in Belfast, 104 Church St., at the 10:00 a.m. service. The service includes: the "calling of the clans" where anyone of Celtic descent can stand and shout out their family name; the "blessing of the bairns," a special message and blessing for the children; and the "fields of the forest," a remembrance of those who have died in the past year. The service will also feature Scottish or Irish music, sung and played on traditional instruments.
- All Day **The Highland Heavy Games**
(Traditional Scottish games including the Caber Toss, Open Stone Put, Heavy Weight Throw, and Weight Over the Bar. Amateurs welcome. Registration begins at 8:00 am and games start at 9:00 am.)
- 12-4:00 pm **The Children's Area**
(Various children's activities including arts and crafts, relay races, and the Not So Heavy Games like the Wellington Boot Toss.)