

2019 MAINE CELTIC CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

Friday, July 19

Main Stage on the Commons

- 3:30 pm **Piping in the Celebration with Black Point**
Pipes and drums provide a traditional start to the weekend Celebration.
- 4:00 pm **Darby's Session Group at 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 / Official Opening of the 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 Commons

- 10:00 am **Maine Highland Fiddlers**
The music of Scotland, Cape Breton, Ireland and the Shetlands resonates with the heritage of Maine's early Celtic settlements.
- 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, Gabriel 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 **Ryan's Volunteers**
Led by All-Ireland champion piper Torrin Ryan, featuring Christian Stevens on accordion, Liana Wolk on fiddle, and Owen Marshall, on guitar/bouzouki. This is an All-Star quartet with a deep passion for the dance music of Ireland.
- 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 – Saturday – *Sponsored by The Acupuncture Studio of Rhonda Feiman and Robbins Lumber*

- 9.30 am **Dog Parade**
Parade around the grounds led by kilned pipers.
- 10:00 am **Celtic Breeds Dog Show**
Owners show and tell about their breeds.
- 11:15 am **Jennifer Armstrong**
Jennifer will share tales, legends, and songs in the shanachie tradition.
- 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.
- 2:30 pm **Piper's Showcase**
Torrin Ryan leads a showcase demonstrating pipes from many traditions.
- 3:45 pm **Laura Scott Dancers**
The dancers demonstrate the beauty, spirit, and grace of Celtic culture, incorporating both Cape Breton step dance and Highland dance.
- 5:00 pm **Napper Tandies**
Toe-tapping pub-style tunes to enjoy in the afternoon.

Boat House Workshops – Saturday – *Sponsored by Celtic Heritage Productions*

- 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 pm **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.
- 5:00 pm **Scottish Country Dance**
All ages, singles and couples, are encouraged to join the fun learning jigs, reels, and the stately strathspey.
- 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 – Sponsored by Bangor Savings Bank and Front Street Shipyard**
Meet at the Steamboat Stage with your dog and parade around the site led by kilted pipers. Parade followed by Celtic Breeds Dog Show.
- 11:00 am & 6:00 pm **Sword Combat Demonstration**
Presented by the SCA in the games field on Steamboat Landing
- 1:00 & 4:30 pm **Sheepdog Herding Demonstration – Sponsored by Belfast Veterinary Hospital**
Watch Border Collies move ducks and sheep into a penned area on the field at Steamboat Landing.
- 12:00 – 4:00 pm **The Children's Area – Sponsored by The Bangor Federal Credit Union**
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**
A celebration of Celtic heritage with kilts, bagpipes, and drums!
- 11:30 am **Stillson Sisters Dance**
The 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**
The sound of the Black Point pipes will call one and all to the challenge for the coveted cheese roll!

- 2:00 pm **Gabriel Donohue with Seamus Connolly & Marian Makins**
Irish born multi-instrumentalist, singer and songwriter, Gabriel 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 **Ryan's Volunteers**
Led by All-Ireland champion piper Torrin Ryan, featuring Christian Stevens on accordion, Liana Wolk on fiddle, and Owen Marshall, on guitar/bouzouki. This is an All-Star quartet with a deep passion for the dance music of Ireland.
- 5:30 pm **Black Point Pipe & Drum**
The closing notes of the Maine Celtic Celebration of 2019.

Steamboat Stage – Sunday – *Sponsored by Dutch Chevrolet, Consumers Fuel and Coyote Moon*

- 10:15 am **Doolally Dance Group**
Celtic dances such as Scottish, Cape Breton and Irish jigs and reels.
- 11:30 am **Knotwork**
Julia Lane, Fred Gosbee and Nick Apollonio share song with harp, fiddle, guitar and flute accompaniment.
- 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 - Sunday

- 9:30 am **Open Breakfast Session**
What better way to start your Sunday morning?
- 11:00 am **Storytelling with Jennifer Armstrong**
Learn 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 **Piping with Torrin Ryan**
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 Events

- All Day **The Highland Heavy Games** – *Sponsored by Camden National Bank, The Purple Baboon and The Dead River Company*
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, introduced by the sound of the pipes.
- 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, including the Black Point Pipes.
- 12:00 – 4:00 pm **The Children's Area** – *Sponsored by Unitel/Bluestreak*
Various children's activities including arts and crafts, relay races, and the Not So Heavy Games like the Wellington Boot Toss.