

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 call everyone to the weekend Celebration.)
- 4:00 pm **Darby's Session Group at the Beer Tent**
(Enjoy a session at the Beer Tent with Belfast's own local musicians.)
- 5:00 pm **Black Point Pipes and Drums**
(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 of fiddle, flute and accordion, blending in gorgeous vocal harmony. 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 of 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, leads this trio offering a fantastic blend of music and culture!)
- 7:00 pm **Ryan's Volunteers**
(This All-Star quartet led by Torrin Ryan demonstrates a deep passion for the dance music of Ireland.)
- 8:15 pm **The John Byrne Band**
(This Philadelphia based band with strong Irish roots gives a powerful and moving performance...not to be missed!)
- 9:20 pm **FIREWORKS!**

Steamboat Stage – *Sponsored by The Acupuncture Studio of Rhonda Feiman and Robbins Lumber*

- 9.30 am **Dog Parade**
(All dogs are invited to 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**
(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 of uilleann pipers demonstrating a variety of tunes on the Irish pipes and ending with a rousing finale!)
- 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 – *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 and run 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.)
- All Day **The Artisan Village on Steamboat Landing**
(Displays and demonstrations of typical medieval skills and crafts such as fencing, archery, cooking, dance, fiber arts, wood-working, and metal working. Organized by the Society for Creative Anachronism)
- 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 and Seebreeze Family Eyecare**
(Various children's activities including arts and crafts, relay races, and the Not So Heavy Games like the Wellington Boot Toss. Organized and run by Epsilon Chapter of DKG.)
- 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** – *Sponsored by State of Maine Cheese Company*
(The Black Point pipes call one and all to race for the coveted cheese roll!)
- 2:00 pm **Gabriel Donohue with Seamus Connolly & Marian Makins**
(Irish born multi-instrumentalist, singer and songwriter, Donohue, leads this trio offering 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**
(This quartet led by All-Ireland champion piper Torrin Ryan demonstrates a deep passion for the dance music of Ireland.)
- 5:30 pm **Black Point Pipe & Drum**
(The pipes and drums sound the closing notes of the 2019 Maine Celtic Celebration.)

Steamboat Stage – *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 and tin whistle player 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 Morning 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 Sunday 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 15th annual Kirkin' o' the Tartans**
(The service will be celebrated at The First Church in Belfast, 104 Church St. 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 and Dairy Queen Belfast*
(Various children's activities including arts and crafts, relay races, and the Not So Heavy Games like the Wellington Boot Toss. Organized and run by Epsilon Chapter of DKG.)