

Maine Celtic Celebration Performers

Gus LaCasse - Described as a fiddler with both speed and savage energy, Gus LaCasse's repertoire reflects his innovative spirit and dedication to the Cape Breton and Acadian fiddle traditions.

John Whelan - One of the world's best living Irish button accordion players.

Hamer, Knowles, and O'Leary - A brilliant ensemble weaving together song, harmony and instrumentals.

Catherine Pearce - Catherine Pearce, The Irish Hills Piper, is a professional piper from Machias, Maine with over 25 years professional experience playing the bagpipes.

Belfast Bay Fiddlers – This loosely organized group of amateur musicians is devoted to playing and sharing traditional fiddle music in Belfast, Maine.

Dun Creagan – Irish and Scottish traditional music.

Vacationland Ceili Band - Portland's own traditional Irish ensemble with Tom Rota, Will Woodson, Alden Robinson and Miles Isacke. They are masters of the uilleann pipes, Irish flute, fiddle, guitar and tenor banjo.

Laoen - Laoen means 'Joy' in the Breton language, that pretty much says it all for this quartet!

Copley Street - A vibrant blend of uilleann pipes, fiddle and bouzouki.

Cantrip - The name Cantrip is an Old Scots word meaning a charm, magic spell or piece of mischief. Dan Houghton, Jon Bews and Eric McDonald stir the elements in a witches' caldron, slowly coalescing into chaotic order.

Stanley & Grimm – A traditional music duo of fiddle, guitar and song.

Skylark - Songs, tunes and tales, geared for a fun family event.

Will Woodson & Caitlin Finley - Sparky and driving traditional Irish music that's grounded in the rich Irish-American soundscape of the 1920s and 30s.

Home Port - A local group well versed in jigs, reels, polkas, slides, hornpipes, marches and airs.

Squeezy Does It - Brilliant concertina, button accordion, piano accordion with a bit of song thrown in.

Maine Celtic Celebration Vendors

Big Daddy's Hot Box – Gourmet egg rolls & desserts

Ca C'est Bon – Cajun meals and desserts

Belfast Lions Club – Budget-friendly family fare

Front Street Pub Beer Garden – Various beers/ales and other adult beverages, plus oysters

Rio's Spiked Café – Creative selection of pasties (hand pies) & Kurtosh

Stone Fox Creamery – Ice cream & beverages

Maine Waffle Cabin – Belgian sugar waffles with toppings, ice cream, & beverages

Sylvester's Fish & Chips – Fried seafood, sides, lobster and crab rolls, & beverages

Sweet Monkey Business – Artisanal shortbread cookies & granola

Bootleg Jerky – Maine-made artisanal beef jerky

Eve's Garden – Freeze-dried fruits, vegetables, & candies

Heranya Wilkey – Stained glass suncatchers, boxes, panels, & garden décor

Chayak Crafts – South & North American crafts, clothing, blankets, & jewelry

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Welcome to a Weekend of Celtic Fun

The Maine Celtic Celebration Committee proudly welcomes you to the 17th annual Maine Celtic Celebration! Whether you are a new or veteran Celebration visitor, you will find lots of music and other attractions to keep you entertained, exercised, and educated about all things Celtic.

Of course the centerpiece of the Celebration is the music. The Celtic Celebration has developed a reputation for presenting outstanding examples of traditional Celtic music from near and far. The local Irish session group will share tunes up in the Front St. Pub's Beer Tent until the official Celebration opening with fiery fiddler Gus LaCasse on the Main Stage at 5:30 pm. Food and craft vendors will also open. We can't think of a better way to end your workweek and start the weekend Celebration.

This entire weekend of music, games, food, and fun is brought to you by the all-volunteer, non-profit Maine Celtic Celebration Committee. It takes all year and over \$40,000 to present the Celebration to you. It could not be done without the generous support of sponsors and donors. It also takes your participation. Your suggested donation of \$15 per day will help ensure the future of this premier summer event in Belfast.

Please be generous!

Maine Celtic Celebration Schedule

Friday, July 21

Main Stage

4:00 – 5:30 Belfast Session Group at the Beer Garden
 5:30 - 6:30 Gus LaCasse
 6:40 - 7:45 John Whelan
 8:00 - 9:15 Hamer, Knowles, O'Leary

Saturday, July 22

Main Stage

9:30 AM - The day begins with Bagpiper Catherine Pearce at the Steamboat Stage as she gathers the dogs together for the Dog Parade.
 All dogs (and their owners) are welcome to walk.

11:00 Catherine Pearce
 11:30 - 12:30 Belfast Bay Fiddlers
 12:50 – 1:50 Dun Creagan
 2:10 - 3:10 Vacationland Ceili Band
 3:30 - 4:30 Laouen
 4:50 - 6:05 Copley Street
 6:25 - 7:40 Hamer, Knowles, O'Leary
 8:00 - 9:15 Cantrip
 9:15 PM Fireworks over the Harbor

Steamboat Stage

10:00 - 11:45 Celtic Dog Show
 12:00 - 1:00 Gus LaCasse
 1:15 - 2:15 Stanley & Grimm
 2:30 - 3:00 Kilt Kontest
 3:15 - 4:15 Skylark (Family Show)
 4:30 – 5:30 Will Woodson & Caitlin Finley

Boathouse Workshops

9:30 - 10:45 Breakfast Session
 11:00 - 12:00 Maine Ulster Scots Project
 12:15 - 1:15 Sea Chantey Tradition with Skylark
 1:30 - 2:30 Breton Dance with Claire Boucher
 2:45 - 3:45 Fiddle with Liz Knowles
 4:00 – 5:00 Songs & Tunes of Mick Moloney with Jefferson Hamer & Eamon O'Leary
 9:15 PM - ?? A Mighty Session at the Boathouse (Open Session - BYOB)

Sunday, July 23

Main Stage

11:00 – 11:20 Bagpiper Catherine Pearce
 11:30 - 12:30 Will Woodson & Caitlin Finley
 12:45 - 1:45 Dun Creagan
 1:45 - 2:30 National Cheese Roll Championship
 2:30 – 3:30 Skylark
 3:45 - 4:45 Cantrip
 5:00 – 6:00 Copley Street

Steamboat Stage

9:00 - 3:00 Heavy Games Open with Bagpiper Catherine Pearce on Steamboat Landing

11:00 - 12:00 Home Port
 12:15 - 1:15 Laouen
 1:30- 2:30 Vacationland Ceili Band
 2:45 – 3:45 Squeezy Does It
 4:00 – 5:00 Stanley & Grimm

Boathouse Workshops

9:30 – 10:45 Open Jam
 11:00-12:00 Tin Whistle with Will Woodson
 12:15 - 1:15 Sean-nos Dance with Jackie O'Riley
 1:30- 2:30 Scottish Fiddle with Alastair White & Jon Bews
 2:45 – 3:45 Senior Sing-A-Long with Stanley & Grimm
 4:00 – 5:00 Scottish Song & Dance with Dun Creagan

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- ❖ Artisan Village of medieval culture, arts, & combat by The Society for Creative Anachronism at Steamboat Landing
- ❖ Gaelic Football & Hurling Demos by Portland Gaelic Athletic Association - Saturday on Steamboat Landing. Try it out all weekend!
- ❖ Kilt Kontest – Have a kilt? All are welcome to participate Saturday, 2:30 at Steamboat Stage. This is a lighthearted fundraiser; not serious!
- ❖ Highland Heavy Games – Anyone is welcome to join this competition for a \$15 entry fee. Registration at 8 AM, Sunday at Steamboat Landing Games Field.
- ❖ U.S. National Cheese Roll Championship – Hillarious to watch and open to all age groups. Catch the cheese and you win it! Sunday, 1:45 PM at Belfast Common.