

# Central Missouri Celtic Arts Association



### Irish Arts Week, July 14 – 18

#### With guest instructors from Ireland

For the third year, CMCAA's annual Summer Arts Program will include guest artists-in-residence from Ireland to teach and perform in Columbia. This year we have two music education students from University College Cork who will teach music and language classes in July and August and coordinate activities during our Irish Arts Week. Local instructors Christine Harker and Ellie Grace will be teaching dance classes.

# Irish Arts Workshops for Teens 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. July 14 – 18, 2003

#### **Workshops topics:**

**Irish Traditional Music Jam Session** – Just what makes an Irish music session? Visiting Irish musicians will explain the ins and outs of a "sesiun" and introduce tunes that are standard fare at trad jam sessions the world over. Learn a new style of music in a fun, non-competitive setting. Instruments commonly used in traditional Irish music include fiddle(violin), flute, accordion, tin whistle, guitar, bodhran (Irish drum). Participants should already know how to play their instrument but you do not need to have experience playing Irish music.

**Folk Instrument Test Drive** – think you might want to play a folk instrument, but don't know what you might like? Have five lessons on five different instruments with local and visiting musicians who play each instrument. Fiddle, mandolin, guitar, banjo and tin whistle. Instruments will be available for each class.

**Irish Social Dancing** — Remember the party scene in "Titanic" where the Irish immigrants are dancing? If that looked like fun, this class is for you! You'll learn the basics of Irish "ceilidh dance" (kay-lee) and "set dance" for groups. These are ancestors of American folk dancing forms such as contra, square and line dancing and done mainly just for fun in informal, social settings.

**Irish Step Dancing** – Step dancing is an athletic, performance style of Irish dance that has been popularized in recent years by the musical productions Riverdance and Lord of the Dance. Step dancing competitions are held at regional events around the world called "Feis" (Fesh).

**Legendary Ancient Ireland** -- A workshop in the literature of ancient Ireland: we'll read about the daring exploits of heroes and giants, the magic of fairies and wizards, the fabulous beauties and their handsome lovers, doomed love affairs, close escapes and miraculous transformations. The workshop will include selections from the Tain bo Cuilinge, the Ulster Cycle of legends; and feature such well-known characters from legendary history as Cuchulainn, Finn MacCool, and Grainne and Dermot.

**The Irish Song Tradition**— Do you think all Irish songs are about drinking and rebellions? Think again! Oral tradition is alive and well in Ireland and is reflected in songs old and new. From 16<sup>th</sup> century traditional ballads to the pop chart-toppers of today, you can find reflections of Irish social and political history running throughout the Irish songs. We'll explore parallels and pick apart lyrics as we learn songs together and listen to recorded examples.

**Irish Gaelic Language** – Ireland's native language was nearly squelched when under English rule, but in recent decades has been revived and now is taught in all grade schools in the Republic. It's a language of poets and poetry, complex and subtle. You'll learn basic conversational Irish, phrases and sayings and some of the history associated with this ancient language.

In addition to Irish Arts Week, we'll be offering weekly classes throughout the summer! Please see our web site for more details on these and other opportunities.

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### **Registration Form**

Choose three topics and mark your alternate choice with an A:

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permission form (will be	ust be accompanied by a \$50 non-refun mailed to you) are due by July 10. Send Assoc. 1411 Anthony St., Columb	
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If you have questions or need more information, please contact Kate Akers, phone:573-442-2048 or see **www.moceltic.org**