

IRISHFEST 2018 WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS *All Free except where marked ***

An Introduction to Understanding Irish Traditional Music for musicians & listeners *"Irish", "Celtic", "Diddly-eye Music"... But what exactly is it?? Come find out, in an informative and fun workshop.*

Introduction to Irish Fiddle technique & tunes *Bring your fiddle and learn the basics of Irish-Style bowing, rhythm and tunes*

Introduction to Irish Tin Whistle *Bring your own whistle in the key of D, or purchase one at Irishfest prior to the class for \$10*

Introduction to Irish Bodhran Drum *Often called "the heartbeat of Celtic music"! Bring your own drum, or borrow one of our student bodhrans for the class.*

"Images of Ireland" slideshow & commentary by Karen Rice on her travels in Ireland. *If you are going to Ireland or have been there, these photos will whet your appetite and bring back good memories. And there will be lots of good advice on the nitty gritty of travel in Ireland*

"Wire Sculpture - Celtic Design" *Hugh's workshop invites you to a 'hands on' experience working with wire. You will go home with a piece of Celtic jewellery- made by yourself- the envy of all.*

Learn to play some easy Irish tunes in Em - for all instruments *E modal is one of the most common "minor" keys in Irish Traditional Music with lots of easy-to-learn and easy-to-accompany tunes. No pressure, no Irish Music experienced required. So bring your instrument and have some fun!*

Learn to play Irish reels for all melody instruments *Have you already mastered some jigs & polkas on your instrument? Do you play music from a different genre, but want to learn some Irish tunes? Bring your instrument and learn a couple of the most popular & exciting type of Irish Dance tune!*

Introduction to Irish Language *Learn some common greetings, phrases and more in this relaxed and enjoyable class*

Harp Circle *Bring your harp and join in with the sharing of skills and tunes.*

**** Advanced & Intermediate Whistle & Flute with guest artist Norah Rendell**

**** Song for all levels with guest artist Norah Rendell** *Auditors are welcome to observe the workshops after payment of tuition. Students of Irish music are encouraged to audit as many workshops as possible (not just those for their own instrument).*

**** Advanced & Intermediate Tenor Banjo & Mandolin with guest artist Randy Gosa**

**** Advanced & Intermediate Bodhran workshops with guest artist Randy Gosa** *Auditors are welcome to observe the workshops after payment of tuition. Students of Irish music are encouraged to audit as many workshops as possible (not just those for their own instrument).*

**** Advanced & Intermediate Guitar Accompaniment of Irish Session Tunes** *Unlock the mysteries of accompanying Irish tunes on the guitar, in an informal setting. We will explore the rhythms and harmonies of Irish tunes, so bring your guitar and prepare to have a lot of fun. Auditors are welcome to observe the workshops after payment of tuition. Students of Irish music are encouraged to audit as many workshops as possible (not just those for their own instrument).*

**** Advanced & Intermediate Irish Fiddle** *Learn the finer points of Irish rhythm, bowing, phrasing, ornamentation & more; how to do them and where to put them! Auditors are welcome to observe the workshops after payment of tuition. Students of Irish music are encouraged to audit as many workshops as possible (not just those for their own instrument).*