

Slighe nan Gaidheal presents



Festival of Scottish Gaelic Language, Music, and Culture

June 14 - 19, 2016

at

**Historic Fort Worden
Port Townsend, WA**

ABOUT FÈIS SEATTLE

Embrace a living tradition! We bring together a thriving community of Scottish Gaelic language, music, and culture with tradition bearers from Scotland, Cape Breton, and the United States. Evening cèilidhs, walks on the beach, waulking the tweed, visiting with old friends, and making new ones... It's the Highland way!

Whether you're interested in piping, fiddle, harp, Gaelic song or language, we have something for everyone.

AREAS OF STUDY

Gaelic Language - If you have never studied Gaelic or have minimal exposure to the language, sign up for Beginner. If you have some Gaelic but have trouble getting past "Hi, how are you?" then Emerging Speaker is a good choice. Try Advanced if you can carry on short conversations in Gaelic, or Immersion for the total Gaelic experience with limited English. Our instructors include:

Dr. Michael Newton

A true Gaelic scholar and prolific author, Dr Newton earned his PhD from the University of Edinburgh.

Rachel McPherson

Raonaid, a career Gaelic teacher, has lived on several different Hebridean islands and absorbed the dialects and customs of each.

Margie Beaton

Margie grew up on the island of Eriskay, emigrated to Cape Breton, and is a key player in the Nova Scotian Gaelic revival.

Frances Acar

Hailing from the Isle of Barra, Frances is not only a superb Gaelic teacher but also a fine Gaelic singer.

INSTRUMENTS:

Fiddle - Ewen Henderson

Equally at home on pipes, fiddle, and singing Gaelic songs, Ewen is a true West Highland "triple threat".

Harp - Ingrid Henderson

Ingrid is in great demand as an accompanist, recording artist, and soloist on the Scottish clàrsach.

Piping - Barry Shears

Barry is an award-winning piper, composer, author, and the foremost exponent of Cape Breton piping.

Instrument-specific instruction will be provided in bagpipe, fiddle, and harp. Students should bring their own instruments. If you play a different instrument, you are welcome to attend classes to learn repertoire and traditions. Indicate your level on the registration form.

Evenings will include *traditional music sessions* for instrumentalists.

Gaelic Song - Kathleen MacInnes

This Gaelic recording artist and actress is known for her unique singing voice and style. Emmy Lou Harris? No, ma'am! Emmy Lou UIST!

Study a broad range of songs in your morning classes. Singing is such an important part of Gaelic culture that in addition to being offered as a major subject, there will be ample opportunity for all participants to learn and sing together.

For more information about our instructors, see our website: www.slighe.com



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration deadline is May 13, 2016

Early bird registration deadline is March 1, 2016

WHAT IS A *TRY IT!* CLASS?

Each afternoon, following your chosen major subject, you will have the opportunity to learn something new in a *Try It!* class. Gaelic song majors might take the *Try Gaelic!* class to explore the language in which they are singing. Fiddle majors might attend *Try Gaelic Song!* and learn the words to some of the most beautiful melodies in the world.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

Each day begins with your selected major class. After lunch break, students may take advantage of our *Try It!* classes. You may return to the same class each day or select a new one. Selections may be made on the first day of the Fèis.

In true Scottish style, each evening we have a cèilidh and session opportunities. Other special events include dancing, a waulking and a special faculty concert on Friday night. Saturday is our final no-holds-barred cèilidh until dawn.

Check in: Begins Tuesday, June 14th at 3:00 p.m. with a welcome cèilidh in the dorms.

Meals:

Meal service begins with dinner on Tuesday, June 14th through breakfast on Sunday, June 19th. Fort Worden's on-site caterer can meet a variety of special dietary needs. Please contact the fèis committee at feis-help@slighe.com to discuss your needs.

Accommodations:

Accommodations at Fort Worden are fully accessible individual dormitory-style rooms with shared bathroom facilities. All on-site registrations include sheets, blankets, pillow and case, towels, floor mats, hand soap and glass. We recommend shower shoes and a bathrobe.

In addition, we offer limited premium housing in one of the Victorian officer's quarters. This option is available for *an additional \$300 per double bedroom*. Priority will be given to families attending with young children. Please contact us at feis-help@slighe.com for availability. For those wishing to camp, please contact Fort Worden directly.

Registration Options:

FULL-TIME GAELIC SCHOLAR OR MUSICIAN:

Registration includes major subject classes, *Try It!* classes, and all evening events. Stay at Fort Worden, or offsite. The first 50 full registrants receive a free ticket to the Living Traditions concert.

SAMPLE:

Registration includes *Try It!* classes in the afternoons and all evening events. Meals and accommodations included.

COMPANION:

Registrants attending with a "Full Registrant" will be able to attend all evening events. Meals and accommodation included.

WEEKENDER:

This two day option includes all classes and events for Friday and Saturday. Meals and accommodations included (dinner Friday through breakfast on Sunday.)



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Dorm Preference:

To help our registration manager, please indicate on your registration form if you prefer the PARTY DORM or you would like the QUIET DORM.

Age Requirements:

Classes at the Fèis are geared toward teenage through adult students. If you are under 18, your parent or guardian must register for the Fèis and attend with you. If you are the parent of a pre-teen who you think could participate in adult classes successfully, contact feis-help@slighe.com to discuss a proper placement.

Payment:

Full payment in *U.S. funds* must be received by May 13th, 2016 to guarantee your registration.

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations made before May 1st, 2016 will incur a \$50.00 administrative fee; the balance will be refunded by June 30th, 2016. No refunds will be made for cancellations received after May 1st, 2016.

LIVING TRADITIONS CONCERT

Join us Saturday, June 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Benedict School Auditorium
4811 Wallingford Ave. N
Seattle, Washington

We will feature our presenters in a memorable evening of entertainment.

Tickets are available on brownpapertickets.com.

Adults: \$25; Students/Senior: \$15 (First 50 full registrants receive a free ticket to the concert!)

REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print Clearly
Early bird registration deadline is March 1, 2016

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Registration Companion: _____

Registering with a family? Please contact feis-help@slighe.com for rates and family form.

STEP 1: Full Registration - select one	Fort Worden Accommodations	No Accommodations	TOTAL
Gaelic Language - Beginner	\$690	\$540	
Gaelic Language - Emerging	\$690	\$540	
Gaelic Language - Advanced	\$690	\$540	
Gaelic Language - Immersion	\$690	\$540	
Bagpipes - Intermediate or Advanced	\$690	\$540	
Fiddle - Intermediate or Advanced	\$690	\$540	
Harp - Intermediate or Advanced	\$690	\$540	
Gaelic Song - Intermediate or Advanced	\$690	\$540	
STEP 2: Additional Registration Options			
Sampler	\$560	\$410	
Companion	\$420	n/a	
Weekender	\$375	n/a	
STEP 3: T-Shirt or Tote Bag (included with your registration) Select one			
T-Shirt - circle size S M L XL XXL			FREE
Tote Bag			FREE
STEP 4: Slighe nan Gaidheal Membership - Insurance Requirement			
If you are not a current member, add \$30			
STEP 5: Early Bird Registration Discount			
If submitting before March 1, subtract \$50			
STEP 6: TOTAL			

Send Check or money order in U.S. Funds payable to "SnG" before May 13, 2016 to:

Fèis Registration Committee
 4316 32nd Avenue Ct NW
 Gig Harbor, WA 98335

For More Information: