



Irish Cultural Society of Calgary

Grab a cuppa, put your feet up and enjoy the latest newsletter from the ICS as we share details of upcoming events!

Darkness into Light 2024



The annual Darkness into Light Calgary walk to raise awareness for mental health and suicide prevention returns on the morning of Saturday, May 11. This year's event starts at 5.15am sharp at the Peace Bridge (on the downtown side) and is celebrating its 10th anniversary of members of the Irish community supporting this wonderful event.

The event begins in darkness and participants walk and run as the sun rises,

Since 2015, Darkness into Light Calgary has partnered with Distress Centre Calgary to raise vital funds for people affected by suicide and self-harm. Distress Centre receives 100% of all funds raised locally as well as 50% of registration costs, and has received over \$72,000 from the Darkness Into Light Calgary event since 2015.

The Calgary Tower and Reconciliation Bridge will both shine yellow throughout the day and Red's Diner in Kensington will open at 6am for breakfast on the morning for some much needed post-event sustenance.

Volunteers:

The organizers are in need of volunteers to assist with marshalling the route on the morning of the walk - if people are interested, they can email calgary@darknessintolight.com.

To register for the event, click on the link: <https://www.darknessintolight.ie/signup?event=Canada>)

Celtic Folk Concert



at the Calgary Irish Cultural Society for their May 11th concert. This dynamic and high-energy duo has been performing across North America and Europe. The Drowsy Maggies will open the evening. The Drowsy Maggies are a talented trio hailing from across the pond. Their performances feature upbeat and energetic traditional Irish tunes contrasting with the stripped-back acoustic versions of some of Ireland's most beloved folk classics.

This not-to-miss event is upstairs in Bunratty Hall, in concert format (attentive audience). The ICS bar will be open. Cash and electronic payment options are available. Doors will open at 6.30pm with the concert starting at 7pm. This is a big event for Celtic Folk, and it will be another fantastic show. Tickets are available [here](#).

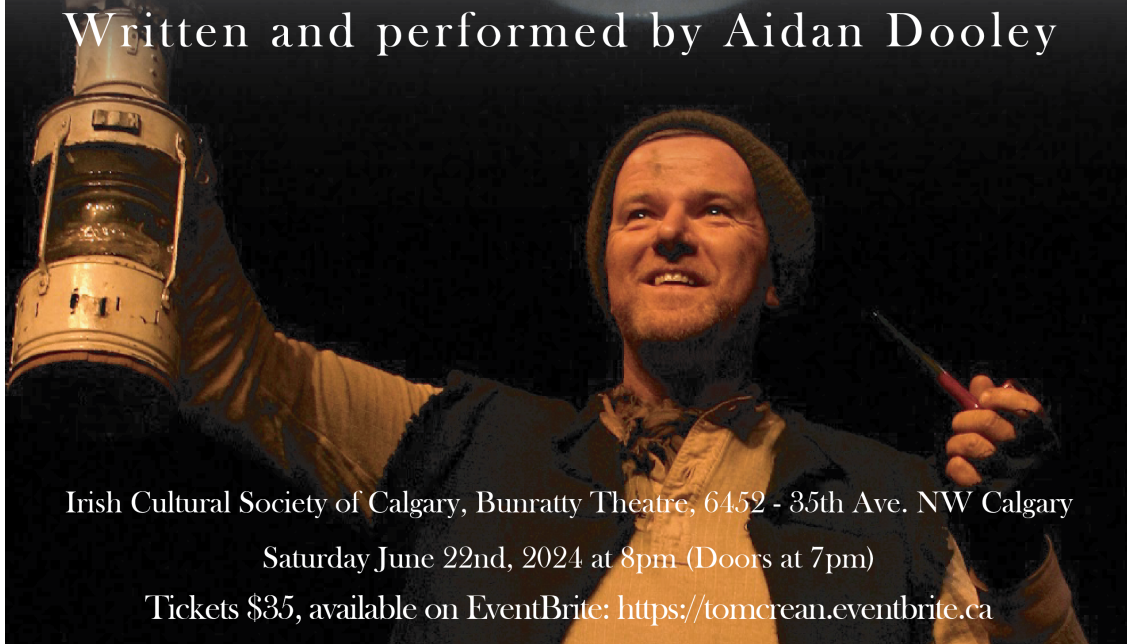
Tom Crean Play

A dramatic and humorous solo performance

Tom Crean

ANTARCTIC EXPLORER

Written and performed by Aidan Dooley



Irish Cultural Society of Calgary, Bunratty Theatre, 6452 - 35th Ave. NW Calgary

Saturday June 22nd, 2024 at 8pm (Doors at 7pm)

Tickets \$35, available on EventBrite: <https://tomcrean.eventbrite.ca>

One night only! Join us June 22nd for this play that has sold out around the world and sparked rave reviews from critics everywhere.

Tom Crean (1877-1939) the intrepid Antarctic explorer and one of Ireland's unsung heroes is brought to life in this dramatic and humorous solo performance by Aidan Dooley.

Hear the riveting true stories of Crean's Antarctic explorations as one of the few men to serve with both Scott and Shackleton and survive three famous expeditions.

Crean's story is a testament of human fortitude against all the elements of Antarctic, his 36 mile, solitary trek to base camp during the Terra Nova expedition to rescue his comrades Teddy Evans and William Lashly has been described by Antarctic historians as "the finest feat of individual heroism from the entire age of exploration".

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ICS Golf Tournament



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— 30TH ANNUAL —

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Wintergreen Golf Course
10 August 2024 || \$160 person

Includes: 18 holes, cart, prizes and
steak dinner

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GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB BRAGG CREEK

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Save the date, Saturday August 10th we are headed back to Wintergreen Golf Course in Bragg Creek for one of the best days out in the year!

prizes AND a steak dinner in the Irish Cultural Centre! What more could you want?

There will be live music in Bunratty hall and spots can be reserved by contacting John Doyle 403-701-1896

The Henry Girls Concert

THE HENRY GIRLS

'Wonderful vocals...thoughtful lyrics' - Irish Music Magazine

'Astonishing' - The Sunday Times 'Absolutely gorgeous' BBC Radio 2

'These sisters have a sensational talent.' The Evening Herald

'The only mystery is why they aren't already huge.' - Acoustic Magazine (UK)

"Stunning vocal harmonies" - RTE Radio 1 (Ireland)



Saturday 16th November 2024

Tickets \$35 on Eventbrite:

<https://HenryGirls.eventbrite.ca>

For more info: music@calgaryics.org



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'Ireland might have to finally share its pride and joy with the rest of us...it's time for America to discover the Henry Girls'- **Huffington Post (USA)**

The only mystery is why they aren't already huge.'- **Acoustic Magazine (UK)**

'It's absolutely gorgeous. This album has been on constant repeat on my home system'- **BBC Radio 2**

"One of the finest live acts in the country...stunning vocal harmonies" - **RTÉ Radio 1 (Ireland)**

'Immaculate' - **Folk Radio UK** 'Astonishing' - **The Sunday Times**

'These sisters have a sensational talent..' **The Evening Herald**

Henry Girls take to the stage at 8pm. Tickets for this concert are moving fast and will sell out, get yours here: <https://HenryGirls.eventbrite.ca>



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