



Irish Cultural Society
of Calgary

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

St Patrick's Day



St Patrick's Day 2024 was truly one for the history books! We opened the doors at 1pm and welcomed over 500 people through out the day! Guests were treated to some incredible artists & performances including Jamie Allanach, Gott-Hughton Irish Dance Academy, the ICS Choir, Casey O'Loughlin Academy of Irish Dance, Prairie Mountain Fiddlers, Possak Hampshire Academy of Irish Dance, Na Seanachie and The Shellakybookies! What a line up!! The Irish food on the day was provided by MacTowey Artisan Butcher and A Certain Flair Catering and it went down a treat with everyone delighted to devour Irish sausage rolls and meat pies with their Guinness!

The day was a massive undertaking and wouldn't have been possible without our incredible volunteers who helped set up, welcomed guests on the day and helped clean up at the end of a truly superb day! Thank you to all these amazing volunteers and to everyone we had the pleasure of spending Paddy's Day 2024 with, we look forward to welcoming you all back at future events in the ICS!



On March 8th we welcomed IMAR, a Glasgow-based group made up of 2 Scots, an Irishman, and Englishman and a pair of men from the Isle of Man, to Bunratty Hall and they blew the crowd away with their unreal musical talent! This pan-Gaelic instrumental supergroup, were raring to go from the very start and had the lucky people in the audience tapping their feet and clapping along all night!

We then had the pleasure of welcoming Irish virtuoso guitarist Shane Hennessy to Bunratty Hall on Saturday 16th March. Shane Hennessy established himself as one of the leading guitarists on the world stage, known widely for his fingerstyle, flatpicking, and percussive guitar-playing approaches and he did not disappoint the huge crowd that turned out to see him!

Thank you to our wonderful concert organiser's who work tirelessly to put on the highest caliber of concerts in the ICS, we look forward to seeing who is next lined up to take to the stage!

I/CAN



On Thursday April 4th we welcomed I/CAN's Social Care Advisor Gillian Goulding to the ICS as she hosted a Wellness event for newcomers to Calgary. Gillian spoke about the many wonderful services and support provided by I/CAN. The guests in attendance were then treated to our wonderful Thursday Traditional Musicians.

Thank you to Gillian for making the trip from Vancouver and welcome to all the newcomers who came out to the ICS for the first time!

For more information on the services provided by I/CAN, check out their website: <http://www.irishcanadianimmigrationcentre.org>

Upcoming Events

Come hang out with us at any one of these great events we are hosting in the ICS! And make sure to mark your calendar for future events listed below!



A reminder our 2024 AGM takes place in Bunratty Hall on Saturday April 27th at 10am.

If you are interested in joining the board, please reach out to us via email:
admin@calgaryics.org



THE POSSAK HAMPSHIRE ACADEMY OF
IRISH DANCE IS PROUD TO PRESENT

DIARMUID AND GRAINNE

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 7:00 PM
UNIVERSITY THEATRE

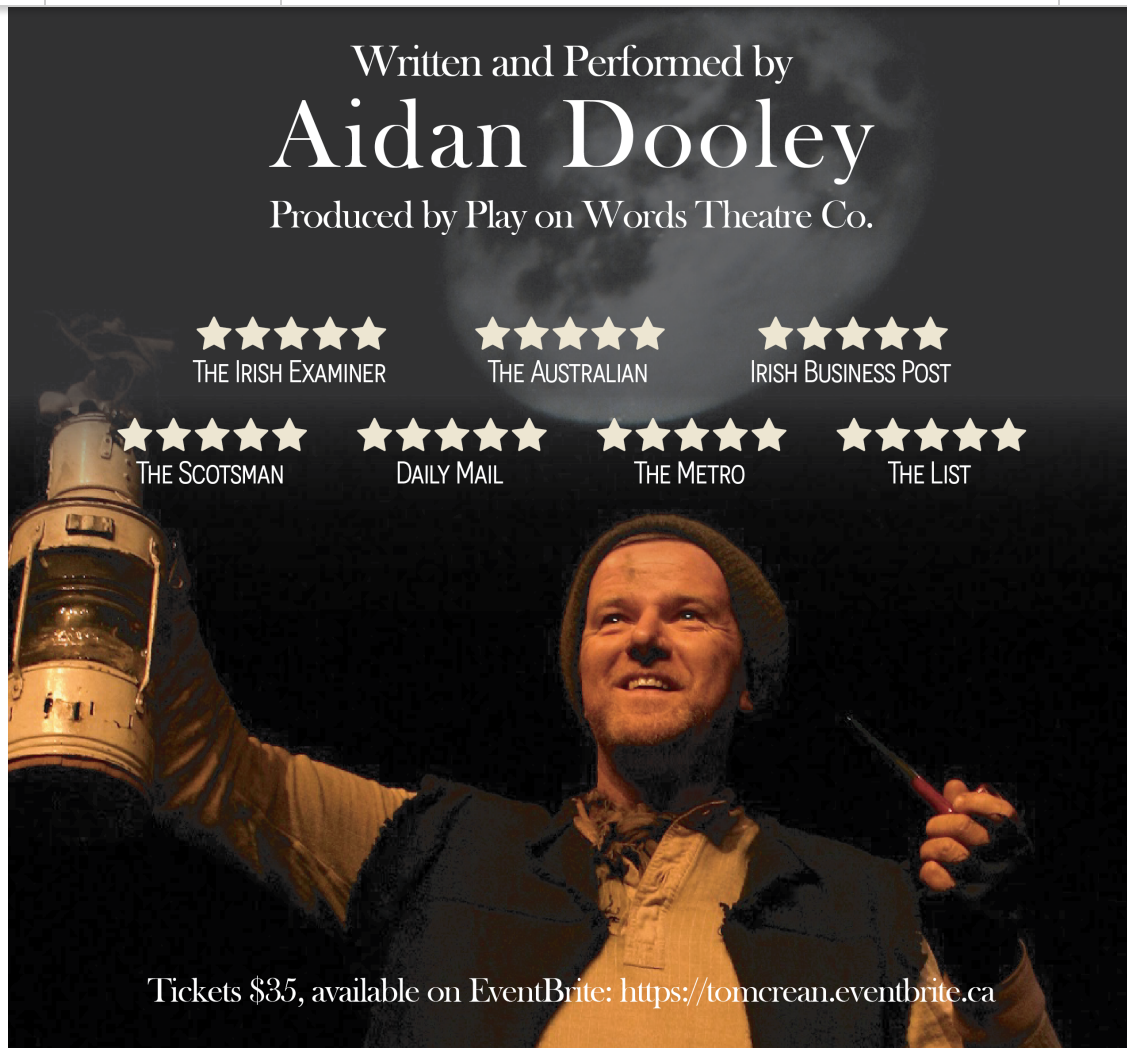
"Diarmuid & Grainne" is a full length Irish dance production presented by the Possak Hampshire Academy of Irish Dance. The show will feature over 65 high level Irish dancers from Calgary and Okotoks, retelling the story of Ireland's own star-crossed lovers through the beauty and power of Irish dance.

TICKETS ON SALE APRIL 1!
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These incredible dancers take to the University Theatre stage at 7pm on May 11th, tickets are now on sale here <https://theatre-tickets.ucalgary.ca/?tx=83001>



GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!! This event WILL sell out!

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".

Written and performed by Aidan Dooley. Produced by Play on Words Theatre Co.

service available and the performance will start at 8pm sharp until 10.30pm.

Tickets \$35 are available here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/874192582547?aff=oddtcreator>



**CELTIC
PUB
NIGHTS**

FRIDAY JAN 26TH	Vintage Express Hickey's Bar, Doors 7pm
FRIDAY FEB 23RD	Glenn Webster Hickey's Bar, Doors 7pm
FRIDAY APRIL 26TH	Jamie Allanach Hickey's Bar, Doors 7pm


Alberta
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for the Arts

Join us on Friday 26th April for a big Celtic Pub Night as we welcome Jamie Allanach to Hickey's to make his Celtic Pub debut!

Doors from 7pm, be sure to get in early to get a good seat or dancing spot!

Thank you to our wonderful sponsors & partners for helping us!



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