



Irish Cultural Society
of Calgary

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!



This is an important time of year to cherish family and friends, whether nearby or distant, and to take some time to reflect on last year. We have had a wonderful year at the ICS and are so fortunate to have a vibrant Irish community in Calgary - one that is growing stronger as we see new immigrants arrive and families grow. This can also be a difficult time of year for some - if you are suffering from illness, loneliness or hardship, please make sure to reach out to our Care Committee care.committee@calgaryics.org in

There are some last opportunities to gather before the New Year and we hope you will come to enjoy many of our events and activities in 2024. Your participation in our society helps us in our mission - promoting and nurturing the finest aspects of Irish and Celtic culture, fostering Irish identity, building social connections, and providing recreational activities for the Irish community in Calgary.

Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

Best,

Eoin

Vice-President and Building Director

ICS



CARE COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Care Committee is to provide care and support for the Irish community in Calgary. It is dedicated to assisting those in the Calgary Irish community suffering periods of loss, illness, or hardship. They also organize the annual St Patrick's Day Ecumenical Service at St. Mary's.

On behalf of the Care Committee, we sincerely thank the ICS board and all volunteers for their time and donations to our work. If you wish to get involved with the Care Committee or know of anybody needing our support, please get in touch with us below.

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2023 ICS Christmas Concert



Where to begin! Our 2023 Christmas Concert was a raving success! This one sold out in record time this year when the lineup of performers was shared! The evening kicked off at 5pm where our guests were treated to two beautifully festive tipples created by our master Bar Coordinator Stu! Dinner was served at 6pm, with three courses of the best food being served up by A Certain Flair, it was certainly delicious!

At 7.30pm our wonderful ICS Choir took to the stage and blew the roof off the place, next up was the Casey O Loughlin Academy dancers and the crowd watched in awe as these young dancers moved.

Next up were the incredible ICS Music Students, a special group of people who have been in training for the last few months as they learned to play new Traditional Music for the first time! The practice paid off and the crowd couldn't get enough of these incredibly talented musicians.

Our next performers were the mighty "Drowsy Maggie's" with special guest Dave! This group had the crowd sit up in their seats, tap their feet and clap their hands as they belted out some great tunes and finished with an incredible version of Fairytale of New York.

with the music!

A massive thank you to our incredible ICS Committee, Events Committee, volunteers for helping set up & take down the hall, Cindy & Cassy behind the bar, A Certain Flair Catering, MC Deirdre Halferty and Special Guest & wonderful friend Consul General Cathy Geagan for saying Grace.

To our wonderful sponsors who donated door prizes & raffle prizes, thanks a million! Raffle ticket sales were through the roof and it's no wonder, the prizes were first class! To our unbelievable performers, well done on blowing the roof off and putting on a first class concert!

Lastly, a big thank you to everyone who bought a ticket and supported this event, we love to host this concert and we couldn't do it without your support!

Centre Piece Workshop



creative people to walk through the doors of the ICS! Our guests were guided through the process of making "Whoville" Centre Pieces. Guests sipped away at some prosecco as they look bemused about what it was they were trying to make! But they didn't give up and they all ended up with fabulous "Whoville's" to take home and show their friends and family!

Another big hat tip to our wonderful ICS Events Committee for setting everything up and opening up the ICS to our wonderful members. It was great to see Bunratty Hall so lively and the prosecco flowing so freely!

Meet the Board

Welcome to our "Meet the Board" section, where we shine a spotlight on the exceptional individuals who help drive our organization forward.



Sarah Jane Sharkey Treasurer

Sarah-Jane moved to Calgary almost 10 years ago in March 2014. She relocated to Calgary to experience a new cultural and for better opportunities.

2021 and she became a member of the Chieftains in 2023. This is where she was introduced to Eoin O’Grady of the ICS and joined the board as the treasurer in April 2023.

Sarah-Jane joined the board to become more involved with the Irish community in Calgary. She brings with her over 20 years of experience in finance and accounting. She looks forward to seeing what 2024 will bring to the ICS!

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!

YOU ARE INVITED TO

Tibb's Eve

PARTY

IRISH TRAD SESSION

DECEMBER

SATURDAY | **23** | AT 7:00 PM

HICKEY'S PUB

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Tibb's Eve is a Christmas tradition/expression from Newfoundland, Canada on December 23rd. It is considered the unofficial start of Christmas and is often, but not always, associated with celebrating/drinking.

It is sometimes called Tip's Eve or Topsy Eve.

C'mon out to Hickeys Bar & celebrate with us from 7pm on Saturday 23rd December!



CELTIC PUB NIGHTS

HICKEY'S BAR

FRIDAY JANUARY 26TH	Vintage Express Doors 7pm
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24TH	Glenn Webster Doors 7pm
FRIDAY APRIL 26TH	Jamie Allanach Doors 7pm

Mark your calendars now for the hottest ticket in town, the Legendary John Doyle Celtic Pub Nights! We have some outstanding artists taking to the stage in the New Year, ICS regulars/Seasoned Veterans Vintage Express & Glenn Webster kick off the first two months of Pub Nights before we welcome local artist and all round great guy Jamie Allanach to the stage in April!

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



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