



TMC Newsletter 2009

TMC Litir Naidheachd 2009

December 2009—An Dùbhlachd 2009

Scottish and Chinese Song workshops



Young people in Inverness from Chinese and Scottish backgrounds have been brought together through a musical project which saw them perform as part of the 2009 Inverness Winter Festival's Advent Calendar Music Trail.

In preparation for the concert Highland Council's Traditional Music Co-ordinator Margo MacLennan and Mandolin tutor Donald Jack joined forces with Scottish Highlands Inverness Moray Chinese Association (SHIMCA). They brought a taste of Scottish and Chinese traditional music to the young people during a series of workshops in September and October.

At the end of September Glasgow based Chinese singer Fong Liu, who is a member of the Harmony Chinese Music Ensemble, joined Margo and Donald in a workshop with 60 children and staff of the two primary 7 classes at Crown Primary School. The children and staff were taught how to sing a Traditional Chinese Song and given the outline and description of how to colour a Peking Mask. A second workshop was held on 27 October at the Scottish Highlands Inverness Moray Chinese Association (SHIMCA) in Inverness. This time the local Chinese children and their helpers attended and the workshop was organised by Monica Lee MacPherson MBE.

The culmination of both workshops brought the children from the two groups together in a performance on Tuesday 1st December at Inverness High School. Both Fong Liu and Eddie McGuire, musician with Harmony and Whistle Binkies folk group, joined the children and the students who attend Highland Council's Traditional Music Classes. This was the first concert of the 2009 Inverness Winter Festival's Advent Calendar Music Trail.

A big thank you goes to the Highland Council Well Being Alliance Cultural Bridges Fund which allowed the project to go ahead. The aim of the fund is to encourage greater understanding across cultures in Highland and to promote improved community relations between new residents, minority ethnic community groups and the wider community in the Highlands.

For further information on Fong Liu: www.fongliu.co.uk/ or harmonyensemble.co.uk/performers/



Fong Liu at Crown Primary School

TMC Classes 2010

Clasaichean Ceòl Traidseanta Inbhirnis

The winter term of the TMC Classes will get underway on 11th January and run until 25th March. There will be a break for the mid term holiday on Thursday 11th—Tuesday 16th February. The classes available for 2010 can be found in the insert with this newsletter or on the Highland Council website.

For this term we have a bodhran class ready to start with Selwyn Roberts for which we are looking for at least 6 students of all levels of ability. There are still places in the keyboard class and child beginners accordion class. If you are interested or would like more information contact Margo MacLennan 01463 663817.



Highlands & Island Tourism Awards

Cèilidh Trailers, Cameron Kellow, Rachael MacDonald and Alasdair Taylor played in the main foyer of the Drumossie Hotel to welcome the guests to this prestigious event. Along with fiddler Rachel Campbell they were invited to entertain the guests in the Silver room. TMC Project musicians were also performing with Màiri NicIeChiar on clarsach. Piping the guests into the event was Harry Newmark a young talented piper who has come through the TMC Project by starting in the Chanter class and moving up to the Piping class. With the help and support of his tutor, Mark Lynam, Harry is now ready to start his career as a piper.

Fiona J Mackenzie song workshop

Scots Song workshop

With

Gaelic singer Fiona J Mackenzie

Milburn Academy

20th February 2010

2 –3 pm



To book a place or find out more

Tel: Margo MacLennan
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TMC Song and Yoga workshop

On 20th November singer Mairi Campbell from traditional music group The Cast led a Song and Yoga workshop at Merkinch Community Centre. The aim of the workshop was to introduce singers to breathing and relaxation techniques that they can use before performances. 14 people attended the workshop which was enjoyed by everyone. For more information about workshops contact Margo MacLennan 01463 663817.



An event in support of the Multiple Sclerosis Centre at the Ironworks on Thursday December 17th at 8pm

Jim Hunter, The Broch Inspectors, Fèis a Bhaile and Fèis na h'Oige, Canntaireachd, Matthew MacLennan & Nicky McMichan, DJ Andi Candoo

Tickets now on sale £5 from the Ironworks



Gàidhlig anns a' Ghleann Traditional Music Taster Session and Open Evening

Gàidhlig anns a' Ghleann is a Gaelic development group set up by parents in the Glen Urquhart and Drumnadrochit area. The group who aim to make Gaelic accessible for children living in the Glen and have now come together with TMC Folk to hold Traditional music sessions and open evenings for adults. The sessions will be hosted by TMC Accordion and Groupwork tutor David Bowen. The next sessions will run on a Tuesday evening from 12th January—9th February 2010. They are suitable for folk that can play a tune on any instrument and you do not have to be able to read music. For further information please contact Fran Davidson on 01456 459224 or Margo MacLennan on 01463 663817.

Caledonian Canal Cèilidh Trail 2009

It's been another successful year for the Caledonian Canal Cèilidh Trail. With a new line up the Cèilidh Trail were invited back to some of their favourite venues as well as performing at some new ones such as the Eagle Barge Inn, South Laggan. A special invitation was extended to the Ceilidh Trail to join KODA at their charity concert in the Phipps Hall in July. Also new for this year is the 8th Caledonian Canal Cèilidh Trail CD (more information below) The Caledonian Canal Cèilidh Trail work in partnership with TMC Folk and are funded and supported by British Waterways. If you are interested in joining the Cèilidh Trail in 2010 look out for the information leaflets which will be available in April 2010.

Cuiart Cèilidh a'Chanàil Chaileannaich



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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE CALEDONIAN CANAL CEILIDH TRAIL
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A Highland Council Traditional Music Project in association with British Waterways Scotland

TMC Tutor Lead Informal Music Sessions

With

Donald Jack and Jeff Maclean

Dates for next 2 music sessions:

**Saturday 9th January 2-4pm
Saturday 20th February 2-4pm**

Saturday in March date tbc

With Irene Fraser and Roy Campbell

Sessions held in Room 110 Millburn Academy, Inverness

All music, instruments and levels are inclusive

Adults: £24 and £21 conc for all 3 Sessions. Fees for all 3 sessions must be paid in advance of the sessions starting.

£8/£7 per individual session

A minimum of 6-8 students required to run the sessions.

For more information log onto:

www.highland.gov.uk/leisure/arts/music

Contact Margo MacLennan

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TMC Folk

Oileanach Ceòl Traidseanta Inbhirnis

TMC Folk continue to go from strength to strength. Now in their fifth year, this group of musicians from Inverness and the surrounding area has a steady supply of young, traditional musicians of intermediate level and above. The group practises regularly under the guidance of their musical director, and have played at numerous events over the past 18 months.

Thanks to David Bowen for all his hard work and support over the past 5 years as director. We now welcome accordionist, Cameron Kellow as our new Musical Director.

It's been a busy year for TMC Folk with support for the Caledonian Canal Cèilidh Trail at Urquhart Castle, the Black Isle Show and various hotels. In addition to that the group have performed at a Homecoming Cèilidh in the Maple Court Hotel, the Camanachd Association reception and regular performances at Bellfield Park grandstand during the summer.

If you would like to be part of TMC Folk and can play an instrument at intermediate level then contact Ian Taylor, Chair of TMC Folk on 01463 772538.



MG Alba Scots Trad Music Awards 2009 Na Trads 2009

The Caledonian Canal Cèilidh Trail 2009 has won first place in the Community Project of the Year category of the coveted Scottish Traditional Music Awards which were held on Saturday 28



November. This is only the second time in the seven years of the Scottish Traditional Music Awards that the Caledonian Canal Cèilidh Trail and the Inverness Traditional Music Project

have been nominated for an award. The team worked together in a successful partnership which included Ailsa Andrews and Amy Gentles, British Waterways Scotland (Highland Canals Section), Ian Taylor, Chair of TMC Folk and The Highland Council's Traditional Music Project Co-ordinator, Margo MacLennan.



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