

Slighe nan Gaidheal presents



Festival of Scottish Gaelic Language, Music, and Culture

August 13 - 18, 2019

At The Evergreen State College in Olympia, 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.

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, accordion, Gaelic song or language, we have something for everyone.

AREAS OF STUDY

Gaelic Language - If you have never studied Gaelic before or have had minimal exposure to the language, sign up as a Beginner. If you have some Gaelic but have trouble getting past "Hi, how are you?" then the Emerging level 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:

Catriona Parsons

Catriona NicÌomhair Parsons is a native Gaelic speaker from the Isle of Lewis. She was a professor in the Celtic Studies Department at St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, N.S. for many years. In addition, she regularly teaches the language at immersions and workshops throughout North America. Catriona is an accomplished Gaelic singer and has produced a Gaelic course for students learning the language.

Rachel McPherson

Raonaid has had an extensive career in Gaelic education. Teaching, writing, adjudicating MÒD competitions, and serving on various Gaelic boards and advisory groups are just a snippet of her contribution to the language.

Archie Campbell

Born and raised on Benbecula in the Outer Hebrides, Gaelic is Archie's main language. He studied Gaelic through his school years and at Glasgow University. He started tutoring Gaelic almost thirty years ago. Currently, he has a busy tutoring schedule and enjoys seeing students' progress with the language. As Archie puts it, "My Gaelic has provided me with fellowship, income, and has taken me places."

Frances Acar

Hailing from the Isle of Barra, Frances has taught Gaelic language and song for many years. In addition, she is an accomplished Scottish Country dance instructor.

Gaelic Song – Study a broad range of songs in your morning class. 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.

Kathleen MacInnes

This Gaelic recording artist and actress is known for her unique singing voice and style. She was born and raised in South Uist in the Western Isles, long regarded a hotbed of Scottish traditional music. Although she has a parallel career as an actress and television presenter, Kathleen MacInnes is also widely regarded as one of the twenty-first century's finest exponents of the art of Gaelic song. She was Gaelic Singer of the Year in 2006 at the Scots Trad Music Awards.

Gaelic Music –Instrument-specific instruction will be provided in bagpipe, fiddle, harp, and accordion. 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.

Bagpipe – Rona Lightfoot

Rona was born and raised on the island of South Uist amidst a wealth of Gaelic music and culture. She learned piping from her father at an early age and was steeped in traditional Gaelic songs alongside her mother. Rona became an accomplished piper as well as a fine singer of traditional Gaelic song and is much in demand at Feisan and Ceolas, and has taught music throughout the Highlands of Scotland as well as in the United States and Canada.

Fiddle - Ewen Henderson

Multi-instrumentalist and singer, Ewen Henderson hails from Lochaber and was naturally steeped in the traditional music and Gaelic culture of the area from an early age. He has had the privilege of studying with many of the true masters of West Highland Traditional Music – Aonghas Grant, Sr on fiddle most notable. Ewen is also an award winning Gaelic poet and music composer.

Harp - Ingrid Henderson

Involved in many aspects of traditional music, Lochaber based harper and pianist, Ingrid Henderson, has over twenty years of experience performing, teaching, and recording traditional music. She is the principal tutor of clàrsach at the National Centre of Excellence in Traditional Music and lectures on the BA Gaelic and Music course at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig on the Isle of Skye. Ingrid is in great demand as an accompanist, recording artist, and soloist.

Accordion – Gary Innes

Gary Innes is from Spean Bridge in the Highlands of Scotland. He first picked up an accordion at the young age of 8 and has been performing and composing music for over 16 years. He and Ewen Henderson are co-founders of the Scottish super-group MÀNran. Gary also boasts an impressive record as a Shinty star and often broadcasts Shinty match play-by-play action for the BBC.

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

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Early bird registration deadline is June 1, 2019

Registration closes at midnight, July 28, 2019

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

Check in: Begins Tuesday, August 13th at 3:00 p.m. with a welcome cèilidh in the apartment style dorms.

Each morning begins with your selected major class. You will attend the same class each day of the Fèis until lunch. After the lunch break, students may take advantage of a *Try It!* class. You may return to the same *Try It!* class each day or select a new one. *Try It!* class selections may be made on the first day of the Fèis using the form in your welcome packet.

In true Scottish style, each evening we will have a cèilidh and music 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.

Meals:

Meal service begins with dinner on Tuesday, August 13th through breakfast on Sunday, August 18th. Evergreen's onsite dining hall can meet a variety of special dietary needs. If you have special dietary restrictions or needs please contact the Fèis committee at: feis-help@slighe.com to discuss your needs.

Accommodations:

Accommodations at Evergreen are apartment style units with 4-5 bedrooms per unit. Each bedroom has a single bed and a door that locks. Each unit has a shared living room, kitchen, and bathroom. The kitchens will only be semi-operational but the fridge may be turned on if you need to keep something cold. All units include bedding and towels. We recommend students bring shower shoes and a bathrobe. Most units have stairs. For those students with mobility issues, there are a limited number of units without stairs. Please contact us right away at feis-help@slighe.com to request one of these units.

Apartment Unit Preference:

Please indicate on your registration form if you prefer a "quieter" unit or a "livelier" one. Students may select friends to share a unit with. Please let your registration manager know who you want to share with. If no students are selected, you will be assigned with students of similar preferences.

Registration Options:

FULL-TIME GAELIC SCHOLAR OR MUSICIAN:

Registration includes major subject classes, *Try It!* classes, and all evening events. Enjoy room and board at Evergreen, or obtain other accommodations offsite.

COMPANION:

Attendees registering with a "Full Registrant" will be able to attend all evening events. Meals and accommodations with your "Full Registrant" are included.

WEEKENDER:

This two day option includes all classes and events from dinner Friday through breakfast Sunday. Includes a *Try It!* class Saturday afternoon and final cèilidh Saturday evening.

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!* class and learn some of the most beautiful melodies in the world.

SHINTY ANYONE?

Try an afternoon shinty lesson and game during the afternoon break with Gary Innes, former Fort William shinty champion and 5-time Camanachd cup winner.

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.

Membership in Slighe nan Gaidheal:

Participants at **Fèis Seattle** are required to be members of Slighe nan Gaidheal due to insurance liability. If you are not a current member, please add to your registration \$35 for an individual membership or \$50 for a family membership.

Payment:

Full payment in U.S. funds must be received by July 15, 2019 to guarantee your registration. Payments in two or three installments will be accepted. Please contact the Fèis committee at feis-help@slighe.com to request this arrangement.

Live outside the U.S.?:

Full registrations from addresses outside the U.S. receive a 20% foreign travel discount.

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations made before June 1, 2019 will incur a \$50.00 administrative fee; the balance will be refunded by June 30, 2019. Cancellations made before July 15, 2019 will incur a \$100.00 administrative fee; the balance will be refunded by July 31, 2019. No refunds will be made for cancellations received after July 15, 2019.

Friday Evening Concert included with your registration:

Join us Friday, August 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Evergreen State College Performance Hall

Our presenters will be featured in a memorable evening of entertainment.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print Clearly

Registrations may be made with this form or through Eventbrite

Early bird registration deadline is June 1, 2019

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Province: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Registration Companion: _____

Registering with a family? Please contact feis-help@slighe.com for information.

STEP 1: Full Registration –select study area	Evergreen Accommodations		Accommodations Offsite		TOTAL
	Early Bird	After 6/1/19	Early Bird	After 6/1/19	
Prefer quieter unit or livelier unit					
Gaelic Language –select one	\$795	\$825	\$595	\$625	
Beginner, Emerging, Advanced, Immersion					
Gaelic Music –select one	\$795	\$825	\$595	\$625	
Bagpipes - Intermediate or Advanced					
Fiddle - Intermediate or Advanced					
Harp - Intermediate or Advanced					
Accordion - Intermediate or Advanced					
Gaelic Song	\$795	\$825	\$595	\$625	
Address outside the U.S? (20% disc)	\$636	\$660			
STEP 2: Additional Registration Options					
Companion	\$450		n/a		
Weekender	\$450		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 \$35 or	\$50 for a family		membership		
STEP 5: TOTAL					

Send Check or money order in U.S. Funds payable to “SnG” to:
 Slighe nan Gaidheal
 Fèis Registration
 PO Box 75713
 Seattle, WA 98175

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