

A little strum-thing special

Yachats is harping on about Celtic music again

The Yachats Celtic Music Festival will serve up the sounds, sights and flavors of the old country this weekend, as it returns for a 19th year of live music, workshops, whisky tasting and much more.

Running from Friday, Nov. 8, through Sunday, Nov. 10, the festival will follow a “pub style” format, with workshops, jamming, dancing and whisky tasting taking place all weekend in various venues around town. Celtic-inspired food and beverages will be available in the Yachats Commons during the festivities.

This year’s performers include Nuala Kennedy and Eamon O’Leary, Kevin Carr, Vishtèn, Gillian Boucher and Bob McNeill, Cassie and Maggie MacDonald, Beòlach and Lisa Lynne and Aryeh Frankfurter.

The village embraces the festival and many Yachats shops and restaurants display their Celtic enthusiasm during the weekend. Special attractions include watching the sunset accompanied by Kevin Carr on bagpipes at Piper on the Point on Friday and Saturday. Festival guests can also learn to play the harp at the “Hands-on Harps” workshops, led by Lisa Lynne.

At Saturday’s whisky tasting, John Robbins will take a select group of guests on a tour of six single malt Scotch and Irish whiskies at the Drift Inn Café.

New this year is a special Sunday concert, featuring Cassie and Maggie MacDonald and Vishtèn. This concert will follow the always-popular free Sunday Ceili dance workshop and community dance.

For more information, go to www.yachatscelticmusicfestival.org.

Tickets for the whisky tasting and all the Yachats Commons concerts are available now at www.brownpapertickets.com.

Tickets for Little Log Church concerts will be sold at the door.

Workshop registration is available at yachatscelticmusicfestival.org. For ticket questions, text or call 541-968-6089.



Harpist Lisa Lynne



Nuala Kennedy and Eamon O’Leary



Beòlach

Festival schedule

FRIDAY, OCT. 8

Noon-1:30 pm: Free music, Yachats Commons

1-2 pm: Kevin Carr, Little Log Church

2 pm: Cassie & Maggie MacDonald, Yachats Commons

3 pm: Gillian Boucher & Bob McNeill, Yachats Commons

4 pm: Beòlach, Yachats Commons

4-5 pm: “Hands-on Harps” Beginners Workshop, Yachats Presbyterian Church

4:55-5:25 pm: Piper on the Point, Free, Yachats State Recreation Area

5-6 pm: Nuala Kennedy & Eamon O’Leary, Little Log Church

5:30-6 pm: Whistle workshop with Rob Gandara

6 pm: Lisa Lynne and Aryeh Frankfurter, Yachats Commons

7 pm: Nuala Kennedy & Eamon O’Leary, Yachats Commons

8 pm: Vishtèn, Yachats Commons

SATURDAY, NOV. 9

10 am-12:30 pm: Morning Irish Tea Concert, Free, Yachats Commons

10 am: Céilí Dance Class with Maldon Meehan, Yachats Lions Club

10-11 am: “Hands-on Harps” beginners workshop, Yachats Presbyterian Church

11 am: Sean-nós Dance workshop with Maldon Meehan, Yachats Lions Club

Noon-1 pm: Gillian Boucher & Bob McNeill, Little Log Church

Noon-12:30 pm: “Practice Chanter” workshop with Rob Gandara, Free, Yachats Commons

1 pm: Nuala Kennedy & Eamon O’Leary, Yachats Commons

2 pm: Kevin Carr, Yachats Commons

2-3 pm: “Hands-on Harps” beginners workshop, Yachats Presbyterian Church

3 pm: Vishtèn, Yachats Commons

3-3:30 pm: Whistle workshop with Rob Gandara, Free, Yachats Commons

4-5 pm: Cassie and Maggie MacDonald, Little Log Church

4:15 pm: Whisky tasting, a tour of six Scotch and Irish whiskies, Drift Inn Café

4:55-5:25 pm: Piper on the Point, Free, Yachats State Recreation Area

5-6 pm: Lisa Lynne and Aryeh Frankfurter, Little Log Church

6 pm: Gillian Boucher & Bob McNeill, Yachats Commons

7 pm: Cassie and Maggie MacDonald, Yachats Commons

8 pm: Beòlach, Yachats Commons

SUNDAY, NOV. 10

10-11:30 am: Free music, Yachats Commons

11-11:30 am: Whistle workshop with Rob Gandara, Free, Yachats Commons

11:30 am-noon: Ceili dance instruction with Elisa Chandler, Free, Yachats Commons

Noon 1 pm: Ceili dance with Beòlach performing, Free, Yachats Commons

2-4 pm: Cassie and Maggie MacDonald and Vishtèn