

# Na Rósaí brings Celtic music to the North Coast

## Traditional folk music on tap at three locations

ASTORIA and CANNON BEACH — Na Rósaí, a Celtic group based in Portland, will perform three times this weekend on the North Coast.

It is a rare thing for the Cannon Beach History Center & Museum to put on a summer concert, but the exception was made for Na Rósaí, which will make its coastal debut at 7 p.m. Friday, June 17. The history center's acoustic series season finale is sure to be toe-tapping, shoe-stomping fun.

Then, the band will move

up the coast to Astoria and perform Sunday, June 19: first at 10 a.m. at the Astoria Sunday Market and then later at 8 p.m. at Fort George Brewery.

Na Rósaí performs traditional Irish music, old-time Appalachian tunes, and Scottish, Breton and other Celtic songs featuring fiddle, flute, uilleann pipes, bouzouki and whistles. The band's focus has been to explore the links between the musical traditions of the Celtic regions and North America by arranging tunes from the two regions with a traditional sensibility.

In 2010, fiddler Erik Killlops returned to his hometown of Portland after

receiving his bachelor's degree in Irish music and dance at the University of Limerick in Ireland. Soon he met recent New Jersey transplant and bouzouki player Richie Rosencrans as well as California native and uilleann piper Preston Howard at sessions around Portland. All three were eager to start a project and discovered common interests in regards to traditional music.

After a few house gatherings, a weekly performance began at local watering hole the East Burn. "Na Rósaí" is Irish Gaelic for "the roses" in honor of Portland, the city of roses.

In the fall of 2012, flute player Conor O'Bryan

moved to Portland from Chico, California, and immediately joined the ranks of the band.

In the fall of 2014, Na Rósaí released its self-titled debut album. The band's second album is in the works.

The Cannon Beach History Center & Museum offers an intimate setting for such a rich-sounding group. Seating for this concert is limited. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$2 for children; complimentary refreshments will be provided. Tickets are available online through [cbhistory.org](http://cbhistory.org), by calling 503-436-9301, or in person; the history center is located at 1387 S. Spruce St. All



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Na Rósaí, a Celtic band from Portland whose name means "the roses" in Gaelic, will perform in Cannon Beach June 17 and in Astoria June 19.

proceeds will help fund upcoming events at the history center; including future concerts, lectures, exhibits and field trips.

The shows at the Astoria Sunday Market and Fort

George Brewery are free and open to all. The market takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. along 12th Street between Marine Drive and Exchange Street. Fort George Brewery is located at 1483 Duane St.

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