25 years
Celtic Festival & marketplace

2023 PROGRAM

FRI-SUN, SEPT 29-OCT 1, 2023
Nevada County Fairgrounds, Grass Valley, CA

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Nearly five decades ago, a generation of visionaries began KVMR to cultivate an arts-friendly environment and put Nevada County on the map.

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KVMR is the best little community station in the known universe. Your support makes it happen.

For more information visit KVMR.org/future
Just months after becoming KVMR’s General Manager in 2019 I attended my first KVMR Celtic Festival and immediately fell in love with the unique and immersive experience it is. I felt lucky to be in a community with such a beautiful tradition. There really is a delightful surprise around every corner!

You might discover a parade of children marching through the tall pines playing classic Irish fiddle tunes with the exceptionally talented Galen Fraser. You might run into Mary Queen of Scots in the ladies’ room or a knight in shining armor at the bar. You might get to know an owl by name or spend quality time talking philosophy with a Wizard!

Whether it’s the cutting-edge fiddle and cello duo of Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas, The Moxie Strings freestyling with a group of youth fiddlers or the many workshops and sessions held throughout the event for musicians of every age, we aim to provide everyone an opportunity to learn and be entertained.

This year is special too—a triumphant comeback after 3 years of missed festivals due to Covid and wildfire. We couldn’t be happier to be back and welcome you to this 25-year-old community event that draws generations of families and musicians from around the world. We’ll have a rollicking good time with the Celtic Rock band The Elders who will grace our stage once again and get ready to be blown away by the ground-breaking, genre-bending band Talisk making their first appearance at the festival.

Don’t forget to take something special home with you to remember the occasion. Our marketplace boasts a beautiful array of art, jewelry and apparel as well as delicious offerings from local food vendors. Mark your calendars for next year’s festival too! We are moving the festival to the first weekend in May to avoid fire season. That will be May 3rd, 4th and 5th in 2024.

Your support of the Celtic Festival is a partnership with KVMR Community Radio that keeps independent, non-commercial media alive and well in the world. It helps us make good on our mission to bring worldly experiences and magic to the community.

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- Bring your own bottles—we aim to eliminate all plastic bottled water from our festival. Our vendors have agreed to forego the sales of bottled water. Cooler Zone has two water stations where you can fill your reusable bottles with clean, filtered water.

- No Styrofoam—It is not recycled.

- Bring coffee mugs, plates, utensils & napkins

- Skip the straw! Skip the lid unless you need it!

- Bring shopping bags.

- Recycle & Compost at the Green Team stations.

Our hearty thanks to festival vendors and patrons for collecting their food waste for compost and recycling waste cooking oil.

Thanks to Waste Management for hauling our recyclables and trash.
Ceilidh*
8:00 p.m. Ponderosa Hall

Celtic + Castilian fiddle duo, María San Miguel and Galen Fraser share their rich musical connection alongside Summer McCall calling and leading the dances. Prepare yourself for an evening of boundless energy and joy.

There’ll be line, circle, and couple dancing for all ages and abilities. No need to come with a partner—it’s a great way to socialize and meet friends.

PONDEROSA HALL - SMALL ROOM
4:00  Level 1 Magic: Merloch Silvermaine
5:00  Level 1 Magic: Merloch Silvermaine
6:00  Level 2 Magic: Merloch Silvermaine

PONDEROSA HALL - LARGE ROOM
4:00 Singing with Rod Baggett and Robbie Merchant
5:00 Irish Step Dancing-Level 1 - Nicole McKeever
6:00 Irish Step Dancing- Level 2 - Nicole McKeever

OAK GROVE STAGE
4:00 Build A Tune with Athena Giuliani, Hayley Watson and Tim McNeil
5:00 Learn Advanced Tune with Diana Ladio and Alison Lynn
6:00 The Moxie Strings Concert

OUTSIDE - PICNIC TABLES
4:00 & 5:00 Celtic Art with Christine Nys

OUTSIDE - DIAMOND ROSE AREA
4:00 & 5:00 Introduction to Fencing: Diamond Rose Academie D’armes

Youth Arts Showcase & Performance
Sunday, 3:45pm at the Pine Tree Stage

Let’s Celebrate!

The Ceilidh will be held in the Ponderosa Hall with indoor space for dancing, an outdoor deck with food and a full service pub, and beautiful garden space for relaxing and enjoying the evening.

*Ceilidh requires a separate ticket—not included in Sat. & Sun. ticket price.

Friday, September 29, 4-7 p.m.
Promoting arts enrichment for youth in our community.

The Celtic Festival’s Friday Youth Arts Program is a wonderful afternoon of music, magic, dance and arts instruction for aspiring artists. Participants, ages 10-18, learn from world-class artists and festival headliners. Youth participants in the program can take 1-3 consecutive workshops of their choice. The FREE program includes workshops and a discounted youth day pass for attendees.

Workshop Leaders for Friday Youth Arts Program:
Rod Baggett, Robbie Merchant, Hayley Watson, Athena Giuliani, Tim McNeil, Diana Ladio, Alison Lynn, Christine Nys, Nicole McKeever, Merloch Silvermaine, and The Diamond Rose Academie D’armes

Youth Performance Instructors:
Amie Ferrier, Lisa Stine, and Rose-May Mickelson

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"The rumors of my [retirement] are greatly [outdated]"
Talisk
Ground-breaking, chart-topping, genre-bending, globetrotting, instantly enthralling. It's little wonder that Talisk ranks highly amongst the most in-demand folk-based groups to emerge from Scotland in the last decade and more.

Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas
The musical partnership between consummate performer Alasdair Fraser, "the Michael Jordan of Scottish fiddling", and brilliant cellist Natalie Haas spans the full spectrum between intimate chamber music and ecstatic dance energy. Over the last 20 years, they have truly set the standard for fiddle and cello in traditional music.

The Elders
The Elders were founded in 1998 by six individuals with a passion for music rooted in Americana and Celtic folk rock. Their ability to bring together the art of storytelling with elements both musically progressive and rooted in tradition has won them a broad international fan base and critical acclaim. With special guest Pete Grant on pedal steel guitar.

The Jeremiahs
The Jeremiahs formed to become a welcome “gopher in the garden” of Celtic music. Thus far the band has graced many stages during successful tours in countries around the world.
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On the Lash
In honor of Irish traditional music, On The Lash creates timeless sounds through original voices. With new takes on classic songs and original constructions of established standards, OTL explores the inherent energy and versatility of the genre.

The Moxie Strings
A unique opportunity to experience some of the world’s best known instruments through a young, progressive lens. Diana Ladio and Alison Lynn hold Bachelor of Music degrees in music performance and music education, giving each the technical foundation to explore the limits of her instrument and build a reputation for musical excellence.

Eamonn Flynn & Dublinesque
Irish keyboardist, singer and songwriter Eamonn Flynn forges his own kind of Irish soul. He draws from both his deftly written songs and Dublin humor buoyed by his soulful vocals and formidable piano and Hammond organ chops.

San Miguel Fraser
Celtic & Castilian fiddle duo María San Miguel and Galen Fraser are multi-instrumentalists and educators who celebrate the values of community and traditional music in their unique chamber music style. Their music contains all the traditional elements that you would expect, beautifully executed ornamentation and chording, but surprises with fresh tunings and startlingly touching and deeply thoughtful arrangements.

Steve Baughman
Steve Baughman is known as one of the world’s premier Celtic, fingerstyle guitar players. His latest album was recently featured on NPR’s “Thistle and Shamrock.” Baughman is especially known for his solo guitar arrangements of Turlough O’Carolan’s harp music.
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Summer McCall
With an enthusiastic and infectious love for movement, Summer has long-standing experience and joy calling traditional dances for Scottish ceilidhs (pronounced kay-lee). With a background of well over a decade in modern, ballet, Middle Eastern, Irish/Scottish step dancing and tap, calling for dances came naturally.

Covered With Moss
Traditional Irish and Scandinavian tunes on fiddle, concertina, accordion, bouzouki, Nyckelharpa, and more.

Three Times Through
Three Times Through is a colorful funky kinda Celtic string quartet. They reimagine and blend traditional and modern tunes and songs with mandolin, hammered dulcimer, bodhran, concertina, bouzouki, banjo, fiddle and guitar.

Old Soles
Masha and Geff Crawford offer traditional moonshine-flavored music with a twist of wry-whiskey humor. These Old Soles enjoy driving fiddle, bluesy rhythmic banjo, and close harmonies—interweaving old with new, Appalachian, Irish, Kate Wolf, and John Prine.

Cassidy Joy
Cassidy Joy is a multi-genre vocalist, instrumentalist and songwriter, with roots spanning from Celtic & Folk music to Classic Rock, Country, Pop and beyond. Joy has collaborated with many local musicians, including a successful eight year run as a duo with local singer Karen Woerner. While her solo material consists of some original songs, Joy identifies most as an interpretive singer, finding inspiration in music from decades and centuries before, and in breathing new life into old melodies.
WIN one of these superb prizes generously donated by marketplace shops!

Tickets: $1 each or 6 for $5. Tickets are available at the KVMR Booth. All proceeds benefit KVMR. Winners to be announced from the main stage on Sunday, Oct. 1.

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Regional Celtic Sessions sending players to the Session Stage this year include:

**National Hotel Session:**
This Session is hosted by musicians who have played together for decades, now playing in the bar of National Hotel in Nevada City every Thursday from 5–8 p.m. and every other Sunday 4–6 p.m. at the Holbrooke Hotel in Grass Valley. They play a variety of Celtic traditional tunes and often just burst into song without warning.

**Auburn Session with Pete & Phyllis Grant**
Experienced players have hosted this lively session in Auburn for nearly two decades. They play every Sunday night at the Tap & Vine in Auburn 6-8 p.m. The Auburn Session includes tunes, songs and lots of laughter.

**Celtic Song Circle**
If you like to sing, these are the sessions for you. Anyone is welcome to come lead a song, join in on the choruses, or just sit and listen. A cappella mainly, but if you’d like to accompany yourself, that’s just fine. Led by Sharon Carl and Elizabeth Townsend, focus is on songs that celebrate Ireland and Scotland, but if you are not sure from where your song hails, that’s okay, we’ll sing it anyway!

**Chico Session**
These folks have hosted a session for many years in the Chico area, including Friday afternoons at Duffy’s Tavern. They are all seasoned players who maintain a true traditional feel to a large repertoire of tunes.

**San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers**
Formed in 1986 by Alasdair Fraser, SFSF is now a musical family of more than 300 musicians of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. They gather throughout the year to share the joy of playing music from the enduring Scottish tradition. Spontaneity is a key element, and they delight in breaking down the barrier between performers and audience.

**Santa Rosa Session**
These long-standing informal sessions play twice monthly at the Redwood Café in Cotati and also in other locations. They favor traditional Scottish and Irish music and even allow bagpipes, banjos and accordions to play at their sessions!

**Starry Plough Session Players**
From the famous Starry Plough pub in Berkeley, which hosts open traditional Irish music sessions (with breaks for singers) every Sunday night starting at 7:30 pm. They welcome you to lead a tune set, sing a song or just follow along.

**Youth-Led Session**
This session is led by young fiddlers and other musicians ranging in age from 8 to 22. They may be young in age but they are old in experience. Just try to keep up with these hot players!

**SESSIONS STAGE SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**
- 10 a.m. National Hotel Session
- 11:15 a.m. Alasdair Fraser Session
- 1:15 p.m. Elders Session
- 2:45 p.m. Celtic Song Circle
- 4:30 p.m. Eamonn Flynn & Dublinesque
- 6:00 p.m. Open Informal Sessions

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**
- 10:00 a.m. National Hotel Session
- 11:15 a.m. Youth Led Session
- 1:15 p.m. The Jeremiah Session
- 2:45 p.m. Summer McCall & Friends Session
- 4:30 p.m. San Miguel Fraser Session
- 6:00 p.m. Open Informal Sessions

**Instrument Check Room**
There will be a check room at the Regional Artist Hospitality area in the Northern Mines Building—a secure place to store your instruments out of the rain and sun while you enjoy the Festival between playing or singing at the session. Note: No overnight storage.

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Salem Street Session Stage

A Session (seisun in Gaelic) is a gathering of traditional musicians for the purpose of celebrating their common interest in the music by playing it together in a relaxed, informal setting. ... It works like this: One musician starts playing a tune, and whoever knows the tune joins in and plays along.”

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SATURDAY
11-2 p.m.
Join the Honeysuckle Lodge Faeries and
Build Faery Houses and Gnome Homes
Swordplay and Tattoos

3:30 p.m.
Michaelmas Play
performed by Honeysuckle Lodge

10-11 a.m., 1-2 p.m. and 5-6 p.m.
Make a Felt Flower Doll Workshop
All supplies provided. Ages 4-Adult
Sign up in Faery Wood; space is limited.

SATURDAY
7:30 p.m.
Join us for a sweet
Lantern Walk
around the festival. Some lanterns provided, bring your light.

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10:30 a.m.
Michaelmas Play
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11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Join the Honeysuckle Lodge Faeries and
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Traditionally Irish clans were territorial clans unlike Scottish clans which were strictly family clans. All families living within the demesne of the ruling lord was a member of his clan. Irish names often had the prefixes "O" (grandson or descendant of) "Mac" "Mc" "Ma" (son of). After immigrating to America, Canada, Australia, and elsewhere, the expatriate Irish often dropped these prefixes to get around the prejudice they found in their new homelands.

Clan Cian is the personal clan of The O'Carrolls of Éile O'Carroll. He has opened the clan for membership to all the descendants of the sons of the King of Munster, Olioll Olum and all those who support the goals of his clan.

Clan Galbraith

Clan Galbraith is an entertainment troupe that portrays 15th and 16th Century Scottish Highland Mercenaries. Life in the Highlands was never easy, especially in the Grampian Mountains. Clan Galbraith became a mercenary band, adopting other orphans and outcasts, and arming women. Clan Galbraith features include: weapons, chain maille and archery demonstrations.

The Diamond Rose Academie d'Armes

The Diamond Rose Academie d'Armes is a historical fencing school dedicated to promoting the techniques and principles of Western European Martial Arts through the study and practice of fighting systems of the 16th through the 18th centuries. We do not stage or reenact swordplay, every duel fought is a genuine test of skill in the art of defense. Our fencing is rooted in the French tradition that emphasizes timing, subtlety, and strategy over brute strength or speed. The Diamond Rose provides education and entertainment in our tournaments, duels, and melee games, as well as offering free introductory fencing lessons to the public as time and instructors allow. We have year round classes in Auburn, Nevada City, and Marysville. “Honor Above All.”

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Foothill Fibers Guild of Nevada County

For over 30 years, the Foothill Fibers Guild has brought together fiber artists—weavers, spinners, knitters, basketmakers, crocheters, and more—to share skills and experiences. Our members’ skills range from novice to expert.
The guild includes many talented teachers, including locally- and internationally-known artists. Many members also raise fiber animals including sheep, alpacas, goats, and other creatures. Guild programs and workshops present finished works and opportunities to learn or refine many skills. We meet monthly and welcome visitors and new members.

The guild will demonstrate a "Sheep to Shawl" where they spin locally raised wool into yarn and then weave it into a shawl. This is a team effort. When finished, the shawl will be donated to the KVMR raffle. foothillfibersguild.org

gold country highlanders

Gold Country Highlanders are competitive strength athletes and strength sport historians. Led by Grass Valley residents Jeff Mackey and Eric Kenyon, GCH demonstrates the raw power, speed, strength, skill and surprising grace of the ancient Scottish heavy athletics. Men and women and visiting athletes perform the traditional stone throws, weights-for-distance, Scottish hammer throws, caber toss and more.

the guild of st. margaret of scotland

Chartered and incorporated in 2022 the Guild of St. Margaret of Scotland, Inc. is a group of historical educators and reenactors of varying degrees and abilities. A non-profit, educational corporation dedicated to educating the public on the history and culture of Scotland, we strive to entertain and educate through living history at Scottish Games, Renaissance Faires, and school events.

harvest home revelers early music choir & rossignol

Early Music Choir and Rossignol will join the jolly Harvest Home Revelers in various tomfooleries at their pavilion near gate 5, where you will receive a warm welcome this weekend.

gold country celtic society

The Gold Country Celtic Society was organized to celebrate the culture of these proud people, many of whom, especially the Cornish and Welsh, worked the hard-rock mines and made our Nevada City—Grass Valley area famous. The Society wishes to perpetuate the Celtic tradition of music, dance, language, and costume. Come join us for fun & games!
Harvest Home Revelers Schedule
11-11:30, 3-3:45 Traditional Morris Long Sword Dance
12-12:15 “The Dancer and the Troll” Human vs doll It’s a jig off!
12:15-1 At the “Le Théâtre des Heureux et des Joli”, “Fair Rosa”, a tale of magic and true love.
Don’t miss the ambitious marionette production of “Twelfth Night in Twelve Minutes.”
2-2:45 Morality playlet, “Robin Hood and the Puritan” in which the good people of town and village overcome the forces of sobriety.
3:45-5 Music by the Harvest “Homies,” Early Music Choir and Rossignol.

Highlanders in the Mist
Highlanders in the Mist represent the Highlands of Scotland in the 16th century. Made up of kinsfolk, mercenaries, and craftsmen, their goal is to entertain while educating the public about Scottish life—customs and traditions, clan life, everyday tasks, kilting demonstrations, weapons that were used, and how the highlanders interacted.

Merloch Silvermaine
Merloch is a seer, sage, sorcerer & storyteller whose magic is not about tricks but about life. He performs card tricks so mind-bendingly good that you’re likely to stay up an extra hour trying to figure out how he did it. Silvermaine does what great magicians do—he reduces cynical adults to a state of wonder. Merloch is also one of our most popular instructors for our Friday Youth Arts Program.

Saint Andrew’s Guild: The Court of Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots
Saint Andrew’s Noble Order of Royal Scots portrays the court of Mary, Queen of Scots in the year 1562. They bring an exciting period of Scottish history to life recreating the romantic period of Mary’s life right after her return to Scotland from France. You are invited to have a private audience with Her Majesty and receive a token of Her affection, cheer on Her Majesty’s Royal Guard as they hone their battle skills or have your best friend placed in the pillory. saintandrewsguild.net
shamrock club of sacramento

The Shamrock Club of Sacramento was founded in 2005 as a nonprofit organization formed to preserve Irish culture and historical traditions in the Sacramento Region. The club is a non-denominational, non-political social club, open to all those who wish to connect with their Irish Heritage or just want to learn more about the Irish culture. This Irish-American cultural society hosts/co-hosts many annual events, including the St. Patrick’s Parade in March, the Half-Way to St. Patrick’s celebration in September, and a Christmas Celebration in December. Shamrocksac.com.

story wrens

The Story Wrens (formerly Wren of Iniquity) found their inspiration in the magical scene of the Original Renaissance Pleasure Faire in Agoura, California and the resurgent folk arts and early music there. Research and authenticity were the lay of the cultural landscape. The music and songs became the tresor trové, literally the “treasure found” that would offer connection through time.

myra lynne traugot

Myra Lynne Traugot presents her personal musical and historical voyage to 18th century Scotland, “Over the Sea to Skye with Flora MacDonald.” In 1746 MacDonald saved the Stuart crown prince by passing him off as her Irish spinning maid, preventing his capture by British forces. Why did she do it and what became of her later? Who were the players in the political and cultural drama? What conspiratorial secrets are hidden in plain sight in the rich musical heritage of the era? Give a listen as Myra musically performs this piece of Scottish history.

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McKeever School of Irish Dance

The school in Sacramento offers Irish dance lessons from beginner through champion levels to children and adults. Owner/instructor Nicole McKeever toured the world for 7 years with professional dance companies such as Riverdance: the show. Their mission is to spread and preserve Irish Dance while allowing it to be a channel for joy, friendship, fitness and confidence.

Kennelly School of Irish Dance

From private receptions for Irish dignitaries to major musical events in arenas like the Hollywood Bowl or dancing with great bands such as the Chieftains, DeDannaan, Eileen Ivers, Arcady, Danu, and many more, the school has a rich history in performing and the promotion of traditional Irish music.

Irish Wolfhounds

The Northern California Irish Wolfhound Club was formed in 1974. The beginnings of Irish Wolfhounds can be traced back as early as 273 BC through ancient woodcuts and writings. Ownership of wolfhounds was highly restricted. They were sent as greatly coveted gifts to emperors, kings, nobility and poets.

Hunting and fighting filled the life of the early Irish, and master and hound alike excelled in both. Of all the animals cherished in Ireland, only the Irish Wolfhound appears as a symbol throughout the land—on every jar of Tullamore Dew Whiskey, on every piece of Belleek porcelain, sixpence coins and even postage stamps feature the Irish Wolfhound. Come by and see these beautiful animals. nciwc.org

Raptor Events

Experience a display of aerial acrobatics in the art of falconry. View birds of prey up close and get hands-on time with a variety of birds and reptiles in this entertaining and educational opportunity. raptorevents.com
Share the magic of Celtic lore with your kids at this year’s KVMR Celtic Festival and Marketplace. Parents are invited to stop by the Children’s Area with their kids to explore the magnificent straw bale jungle gym, take part in Celtic crafts, learn to play a jig or reel and even seek royal favors from the Queen.

- Toss bean bags
- Table games
- Make your own toys (old-fashioned games)
- Wings making
- Fairy hair piece making
- Ribbon fairy making
- Celtic coloring pages
- Bubble table
- Various crafts, and more

Parents must stay in the children’s area with their child or children.
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