

This month's Minnesota Scottish news and events.



# Scottish News in Minnesota



## **NOVEMBER, 2018**

### **EVENTS**

**November 3rd, 8:00pm**

**Macalester College Pipe Band Fall Concert**

**Mairs Concert Hall - Macalester College**

**1600 Grand Avenue**

**St. Paul, MN 55105**

Tickets for this concert are \$5.00.

**November 8th, 7:00pm - 8:45pm**

**Willow Brae - Celtic Music Showcase Series**

**The Underground Music Cafe**

**1579 Hamline Avenue North**

**St. Paul, MN**

Willow Brae - Laura MacKenzie with Andrea Stern, Celtic Harp will be featured at the Celtic Music Showcase, presented by Paul Garding. They will be celebrating the re-release of their compilation CD "Willow Brae - Collected"! (donation suggested).

**November 15th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm**

**MacKenzie at Waldmann**

**Waldmann Brewery and Wurstery**

**445 Smith Ave. N.**

**St. Paul, MN**

Traditional Wind-Powered Music at Waldmann - MacKenzie is very honored to be invited to play here! (Free). Beer and food are wonderful at Waldmann.

**November 17th, 7:30 pm**

**MacKenzie at Como Cottage**

**St. Paul, MN**

A wonderful house concert sabn series, for music and poetry, long-running and now in the Como neighborhood of St. Paul. To reserve and receive the address, phone: Tim Young & Dalcyce Elliot at 612-968-7104. Or email: [tim@twoboots.net](mailto:tim@twoboots.net)

Laura MacKenzie is delighted to be a part of this very special series.

**November 29th - December 23rd**

## **Christmastide Tour**

**Numerous dates and venues, around the Metro and outstate Minnesota**

SimpleGifts with Billy McLaughlin (which includes Laura MacKenzie) present their annual holiday tour. Visit the new SimpleGifts website for dates, tickets and music. [www.simplegiftsmusic.net](http://www.simplegiftsmusic.net).

## **December 2nd - St. Andrew's Day Celebration**

The annual event commemorating St. Andrew's Day (actual date November 30) will be on Sunday, December 2nd at noon. The event will start with lunch at Louis, an upscale Italian restaurant that is part of Cossetta's in St. Paul. Louis Ristorante and Bar is known for its fine, authentic Italian cuisine. How Scottish, right? But the food is great and you will enjoy it. Lunch will be a noon on that day. Right after lunch we will depart for the James J. Hill House. We will have a guided tour for our group, and the house will be fully decorated for the Holidays! Billed as the Downton Abbey of Minnesota, this spectacular home was built by the empire builder, James J. Hill, and completed in 1891. It is an amazing architectural and structural masterpiece for the 19th Century and has been well preserved for the 21st century. Hill, of course, is of Scottish heritage, by way of Canada. Thus, it is entirely appropriate to celebrate St. Andrew's Day with him, or at least in his home!

If you have seen the house before, see it again, as it continues to fascinate. If you have never seen it, or never seen it decorated for the Holidays, now is your chance! Please join us. You must make reservations for the tour by contacting Don Bruce at [bruce1051@comcast.net](mailto:bruce1051@comcast.net). Don will give you instructions on making a reservation. You will need to have a check for the tour to Don to make sure you have a reserved spot for this great tour of this grand house (lunch is not included and is billed to you at the restaurant).

The tour is \$10 per person. Children 17 and under are welcome at \$6 per person. Because the Hill House needs to know our numbers 2 weeks in advance, the deadline for reservations to be received is November 16th, so don't delay. We have also had to limit this to the first 25 who respond. So, again, don't delay!

Hope to see you at this grand annual event!

**December 8 | RSCDS Twin Cities 22nd Annual Fàilte Ball**  
**Howe School**  
**Minneapolis, MN**

"Fàilte" means welcome in Gaelic, and all Scottish dancers, beginners and experienced, are most welcome!

The Fàilte Ball is intended to be a gentle introduction to the ball scene for newer dancers, and a fun event for all. Enjoy a light refreshment, live music by Thistledown band, and dancing. Doors open at 1:30pm and dancing begins at 2:00pm at Howe School in south Minneapolis. Tickets are \$25/person, with a \$5 discount for those attending their first Scottish country dance ball. Details and registration at <http://www.rscds-twincities.org/failte.html>

\*PLEASE NOTE: Although we consider this event to be "beginner-friendly," we do strongly recommend that dancers have some previous exposure to Scottish country dancing (a few classes at least) and familiarity with the terminology. Please contact us at info at [rscds-twincities.org](mailto:info@rscds-twincities.org) if you have any questions about your ability to participate. All dances are being taught over the course of the coming weeks at our Monday night classes at Tapestry Folkdance Center (see <http://www.rscds-twincities.org/classes.html>)  
[www.irishfestlacrosse.org](http://www.irishfestlacrosse.org)

**Mark your calendars for upcoming events in 2019.**

Save the date for the annual Burns Dinner, scheduled for Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 5:30 pm We are still working on details, but it promises to be a grand evening of Scottish food, drink and entertainment. Plan to join us. Details and reservation information will be available in December.

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