



Four Peaks Irish Arts

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Welcome Members!

To all of our members, a most hearty welcome! It is exciting to have you all onboard! Rest assured, your officers have been working diligently to move the organization ahead. We look forward to having all of FPIA "rowing in the same direction".

Behind the Scenes

FPIA officers (see Who's Who?, page 3) have had some informal and some formal meetings in preparation for our upcoming General Meeting (see Be There or Be Square, page 2).

The following action items are just some of those that the officers have addressed.

Vice Chairperson, Johnny Kerr has designed our beautiful logo and is working on further developing our website.

We have been fortunate to have a Valley singer agree to be our instructor for Irish song.

A local educator and musician will be holding an Irish music workshop for educators. This will be an exciting introduction for many teachers statewide to explore Irish music and how their students can benefit from learning it.

Tucson fiddler, Sharon Goldwasser of Round the House fame, has agreed to serve as our Tucson liaison. With her many contacts, she is sure to be a valuable addition.

We have been in contact with some individuals from Northern Arizona to serve as our liaison there.

David McNabb, of KJZA radio 89.5 FM, Prescott Arizona will be interviewing FPIA with the show slated to air July 5th and 6th. David is very active in the Celtic scene in Northern Arizona and is sure to have great insights. (Note: KJZA's signal is only available in Northern Arizona.)

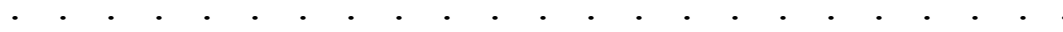


The "Why" of Comhaltas

Did you ever walk into a room, stop and ask yourself, "Why am I here?" You may find yourself doing that with Four Peaks Irish Arts and Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann. Comhaltas has a number aims or goals:

- To promote traditional Irish music in all its' forms
- To restore the playing of the harp and uilleann pipes
- To promote Irish traditional dancing and singing

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- To foster and promote the Irish language at all times
- To cooperate with all bodies working for the restoration of Irish culture
- To establish branches to achieve the foregoing aims and objectives

By keeping our objectives before us, we can grow and establish Four Peaks Irish Arts as an integral and valuable part of the Arizona Irish community. You can get excited about being a member and being a part of this movement!



- Logo design.
- Official registration with Maricopa County.
- Website.
- Press releases.
- Coordination with other branches on concert tours.
- Taking music to the schools and teaching students as an ongoing outreach.
- Events statewide: Tucson, Prescott, Flagstaff, etc.
- Brief Q & A
- A fun and lively seisiún, led by our own Brandy Driscoll and set dance, led by Regional Chairperson, Jim Belcher.



Be there or Be Square

Our first General Meeting will be held this Friday on June 27th at 7:30 P.M. at the Irish Cultural Center.

Agenda

Following are some agenda items we would like to discuss during the meeting.

- In addition to introduction of the officers, we are delighted to have our Regional Chairperson, Jim Belcher from Seattle, Washington here. Jim will be giving an overview of Comhaltas in the Western US Region and the fit with our Arizona branch.
- Number of official FPIA members.
- Bank account.



Phraseology

Tunezheimers, noun.

A condition expressed when someone kicks off a tune only to realize the tune they thought they knew they really didn't. This is a common symptom experienced by nearly all traditional Irish musicians at one point or another. This malady can also manifest itself in other forms such as kicking one tune which mysteriously morphs into another somewhere after the "A" part or, more commonly, simply not remembering the name of a tune.

As a service to our membership, we welcome the submission of any similar new phrases, as they apply to traditional Irish music, song, dance, language, or culture. We will gladly print them for the benefit of all.

WHAT'S UP?

**June 27, 2008
7:30 P.M., Irish Cultural Center
General Meeting**

Regional Chairperson, Jim Belcher from WA state will give an update and call a Set Dance. Brandy Driscoll will also be here from WA to lead the seisiún players.

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