



INTERCELTIC FEST NOZ IN TIMES SQUARE

Saturday January 30th : a celebration of music, dance, and culture of Brittany, Galicia, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

New York, January 26. BZH New York has organized the first Interceltic Fest Noz which will take place in New York on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at Connolly's Times Square.

The Fest Noz is a celebration of music, dance, and culture of Brittany, Galicia, Ireland, Scotland and Wales and will feature 40 musicians from the 5 Celtic nations, dance sets from the different Celtic cultures and a silent auction.

In addition, the evening will celebrate the Celtic festival of Imbolc. Imbolc is one of the four principal festivals celebrated among Celtic peoples, either at the beginning of February or at the first local signs of Spring.

The current lineup of performers includes the following:

- Bretagne: Duo Morgane Labbe and Francois Tiger - Bagad de New York - Marie Martin
- Ireland: Washington Square Harp and Shamrock Orchestra Led - Tony DeMarco and Friends - Niall O'Leary School of Irish Dance
- Scotland: Wild Thistle featuring Mary Morrisson Abdill and Hannah Maire Marcus – Aodhagán - Capital Region Celtic Pipe Band,
- Wales: Honey and Biscuits featuring Helen Ellis and Mary Morrisson
- Galicia: Nosa Terra

Silent auction from 7pm to 10pm: Artists Capucine Bourcart and Christophe LeGris will auction 6 photographs with all proceeds going to Action Against Hunger and its Relief Efforts in Haiti.

Event details :

Saturday January 30th 2010, 7PM to 2AM
Connolly's Pub Restaurant (Klub 45, 3rd floor)
121 West 45th Street, New York
Cover: \$5
BZH New York, www.bzh-ny.org
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Help Haiti

Action Against Hunger | ACF International
www.actionagainsthunger.org/haiti

Action Against Hunger | ACF International mobilized an emergency response following the devastating earthquake in Haiti, distributing clean water from 32 newly established water reservoirs in Port-au-Prince; high-protein biscuits and hygiene kits to thousands of vulnerable families in displacement camps; constructing makeshift latrines to dispose of accumulating waste; establishing emergency shelters for pregnant and lactating women; and providing urgent nutrition, medical, water, and sanitation support in Gonaives health centers, which have experienced an influx of patients since the quake. ACF has provided life-saving services in Haiti since 1985.



Lineup schedule:

7:00	Marie Martin - Brittany
7:15	Wild Thistle - Scotland
7:45	Honey and Biscuits - Wales
8:00	Bagad New York - Brittany
8:15	Washington Square Harp and Shamrock Orchestra - Ireland
9:00	Duo Labbe/Tiger - Brittany
9:45	Capital Region Celtic Pipe Band - Scotland
10:00	Aodhagán - Scotland
10:45	Nosa Terra - Galicia
11:15	Duo Labbe/Tiger - Brittany
11:45	Bagad NY - Brittany
12:00	Tony DeMarco and friends - Ireland
12:45	Interceltic Session

Featured artists:

Silent auction - photographers:

Capucine Bourcart – www.capucinebourcart.com

Born and raised in Alsace, Capucine has been living in New York since 2005. She is a self-taught photographer refining her skills through classes at the School of the International Center of Photography in New York. Inspired by life and delighted by humor, Capucine always carries her camera with her. Working with simple equipment, she uses her own senses to capture the moment and share it as she sees it. Some of her projects have come from little ideas like "the pregnant belly" or "portraits of apartments." Other ideas highlight the many adventures in life, such as her travels in Thailand, China. Her work has been featured in publications such as Le Telegramme, France Amerique, Interceltique and Destination "New York" France and has been displayed in and around New York City at Harlem's Annual HOAST studio Tour and French Culture Nights. Besides her personal projects, she works regularly for The American Business Forum on Europe, The German Forum and BZH New York.

Christophe Legris – www.christophelegris.com

Christophe is a fine art photographer who shoots people and travel for editorial and advertising assignments as well. He has travelled extensively through Europe, Africa, Middle-East and Asia, has lived in France and Turkey and is now based in New York. He documents topics ranging from a 2,000 miles trip in Iran to the daily life of aged people in his hometown village of Burgundy, France. His most recent adventures led him to a tiny holy Hindi village, a fashion show in Mumbai and among the Francophone communities of New York. In March 2009, Christophe Legris documented the Bagad St Nazaire on St Patrick's Day Parad.

Brittany:

Duo Morgane Labbe and Francois Tiger

Though being youthful in appearance, Morgane and Francois are veterans of Fest Noz stages throughout Brittany playing most notably as part of the Fest Noz group called Tadaam. Both are currently travelling across North America playing and presenting Breton culture and music to the cities of Montreal, Miami, New Orleans, Santa Fe, San Francisco, Seattle, Vancouver, and New York. Morgane was awarded the very prestigious 1st prize at the 2009 Interceltic festival of Lorient for best accordion player. <http://www.myspace.com/tadaam>



Bagad de New York

Started through the initiative of Breton piper Yoann LeGoff, the Bagad de New York is a mobilization of American based pipers that play and carry on Brittany's strong bagpipe musical tradition. Members of the Bagad de NY will be competing in the 2010 1st category Bagpipe competition this February in Brittany as members of the Bagad Bro Kemperle and Kerlenn Pondi.

Marie Martin

Breton born Marie Martin is a singer/songwriter using her personal experiences, relationships and travels to New York, London and her native Brittany as her main inspirations. She is a true picture of her work: between modernity and nostalgia, between soul and jazz.

Ireland:

Washington Square Harp and Shamrock Orchestra

Led by Professor Mick Moloney and based at New York University. WSHSO plays traditional Irish music with a focus on older tunes, tunes with New York City history, and tunes with interesting stories attached. <http://www.myspace.com/wshso>

Tony DeMarco and Friends

Tony DeMarco is one of America's finest folk fiddlers. A Brooklyn native of Irish and Italian decent, he is among the world's leading exponents of the sophisticated County Sligo style of Irish fiddling. Tony's playing has all the characteristics of great Sligo fiddling- swinging rhythmic drive, a wealth of bowed and finger ornamentation, and a high degree of improvised melodic variation. Sligo fiddling has been closely associated with the New York Irish musical tradition for many years. <http://tonydemarcomusic.net>

Niall O'Leary School of Irish Dance

The Niall O'Leary School of Irish Dance was founded in New York in 1996. Classes in solo dancing, céilí dancing and dance drama for children and adults are held in Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island and the Florida Panhandle. Manhattan venues include the Irish Arts Center and four other locations, making this the largest Irish dance school in the city. Classes are taught by Niall O'Leary TCRG, ADCRG and Louise Corrigan TCRG, both champion dancers from Ireland. The school has been featured on NBC-TV, FOX-5, CBS Radio, New York Times, Daily News, and the Irish Echo. www.nialloleary.com

Scotland:

Wild Thistle featuring Mary Morrisson Abdill and Hannah Maire Marcus

Mary Morrisson Abdill is a pianist and concertina musician who plays traditional Scottish, Contra and English dance music. She is a member of a number of local bands who play for traditional dances in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, including "**Honey and Biscuits**", with Helen Ellis, and with Hannah Marcus as "**Wild Thistle**". Mary backs up Bernie Stolls on his recent Hammer Dulcimer Sampler CD. See: <http://home.roadrunner.com/~dance/>

Hannah Marie Marcus is a musician who plays a wide arrange of music styles and instruments, ranging from piano and guitar to vocals and fiddle. She has composed a number of musical pieces and song, and is a member of a number of bands, including the Wingdales, and has a number of CDs available. Hannah and Mary regularly for Scotia, a Monday night Scottish Country Dance group in Manhattan. Mary and Hannah play under the band name: "**Wild Thistle**". A fun and somewhat outrageous personality, Hannah will probably be annoyed at how straightforward I made her bio. See: <http://home.roadrunner.com/~dance/> and <http://www.hannahmarcus.org/>

Aodhagán

Aodhagan are a collection of folk musicians (fiddle, bodhran, guitar, keyboards and more) in the New York Tri-State area. We blend traditional acoustic Celtic/folk (Irish, Scottish, Canadian and American), vocals and arrangements, and rhythmic accents. Sometimes we infuse the arrangements with blues, R&B, rock, or gospel accents—other times we just stick with the



original—depends on our moods and inclinations. Guaranteed to get your toes tapping and your heart beating.

Capital Region Celtic Pipe Band

Based in Albany, New York, the **Capital Region Celtic Pipe Band** combines the entertainment of public performances with the challenge of pipe band competitions. The band carries on the tradition of the Great Highland Bagpipe and Drum, ancient arts that remain extremely popular at today's parades and festivals. The music they play is drawn from the marches, airs, and dance music of Scotland and Ireland.

<http://www.crcpb.com/>

Wales:

Honey and Biscuits featuring Helen Ellis and Mary Morrisson Abdill

Helen Ellis is a fiddler who plays Early Music as well as traditional music from Scotland and Wales. She is involved with a Welsh church in Manhattan, where she plays music and keeps involved in the Welsh community. Helen and Mary make up the **band "Honey and Biscuits"**. Last summer, Helen and Mary could be found in the Manhattan Greenmarkets playing traditional and early music. See: <http://home.roadrunner.com/~dance/>

Galicia:

Nosa Terra

Under the direction of Xoan Vazquez, this group of Galician bagpipers, strive to preserve and share the Celtic music of Galicia, northwestern Spain. Their home away from home is Casa Galicia, in Queens, NYC.

<http://www.myspace.com/xoanvazquez>

