

Comhaltas Supports The Gathering Ireland 2013

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann was formed in 1951 and is the largest body involved in the promotion of Irish traditional music worldwide. Today the organisation has 415 branches with over 40,000 members on 5 continents.

All Ireland Fleadh Cavan 2012 Chairperson Jack Keyes, PRO Martin Gaffney and Bernard O'Sullivan *Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Dublin* attended the launch of The Gathering at Dublin Castle on Friday May 11, 2012 to affirm the organisations involvement in this unprecedented year-long celebration of everything unique and great about Ireland.

Comhaltas is committed to The Gathering Ireland 2013 initiative and to supporting Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland. The Comhaltas Partnership Programme has three key dimensions:

- Mobilising Comhaltas Branches worldwide to support the Gathering and to connect with Irish branches at County & provincial Fleadhs in Ireland.
- Planning Comhaltas events to reflect the spirit of the Gathering in 2013 including promotions to members and branches to get involved with encouragement to invite friends, family and international Comhaltas members to come to Ireland in 2013
- Augmenting current fleadh and the seisiún music trail as well as organising new Gathering specific Comhaltas events

During 2012, Comhaltas is actively promoting the Gathering at its major events to provide its members and Fleadh visitors with information;

North American Convention	St Louis	April 26-29
Ireland Annual Congress	Dublin	May 5-6
Mid-Atlantic Fleadh	New Jersey	May 18-20
Cavan County Fleadh	Killeshandra	June 1-5
All Britain Fleadh	Leicester	June 23-24
Connacht Fleadh	Ballinasloe	July 2-8
Leinster Fleadh	Enniscorthy	July 13-15
Munster Fleadh	Dungarvan	July 20-22
Ulster Fleadh	Dungiven	July 22-29
All Ireland Fleadh	Cavan Town	August 10-21

The Third year of the All Ireland Fleadh in Cavan will be a flagship promotional event for the Gathering with large number of overseas visitors attending the competitions, concerts and events, the focus at the All Ireland in Cavan this year will be to communicate understanding of the Gathering and to provide ideas and encouragement to Comhaltas Members and lovers of Traditional music on how to experience the Gathering. In addition Cavan Genealogy will provide Fleadh followers interested in tracing their Irish roots with an All Ireland genealogy service.

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