



Four Shillings Short

Celtic, Folk and World Music

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FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT -June 2022 NEWSLETTER

Greetings from Christy & Aodh Og of Four Shillings Short:

2022 WEST COAST IRELAND TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: This year's West Coast Ireland Tour was a wonderful experience and we'd like to share some photos and memories.

Our 2023 Tours are in the process of being planned and we're hoping to have all the dates, hotels and itineraries organized by sometime in July 2022...Stay tuned for more info on these.

2022 WEST COAST IRELAND TOUR: MAY 13 – 26, 2022

(Day 1 – 3: May 13 – 15) The West Coast of Ireland is beautiful in May. The Whitethorne trees are in bloom everywhere you look and the fields are full of life with kids, lambs and calves following their mothers. The first hay of the season is about to be cut and new potatoes and strawberries are showing up in the markets. The days are long and the light in the sky has a special angle that makes for those 40 Shades of Green that Johnny Cash wrote about.



Whitethorne Tree



Soay Sheep and lambs



40 shades of green

The first days of the tour were spent exploring the beautiful countryside of County Clare. We were "haunted" by the weather, as they say, with beautiful sunny days. Some of the highlights were the Cliffs of Moher, Craggaunowen Living History Park, Quin Abbey, Caherconnell Ringfort, The Burren and Poul nabrone Dolmen.



Crannog at Craggaunowen



Bog Road at Craggaunowen



The Crannog at Craggaunowen



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Cliffs of Moher



Poul nabrone Dolmen in The Burren



15th Century Quin Abbey

We were also enchanted by the storytelling of Eddie Lenihan who told of the famous wise woman and healer of County Clare - Biddy Early and her "blue bottle" that she looked into to see the future. He related stories collected over the past 40 years from the older generation about strange events around the "Fairy Forts" that are scattered all over Ireland. Along with stories about "the Wee-folk" he shared how they could take many forms such as hedgehogs and black dogs and ended the session by saying

"You never know if one of "Them" might be sitting right next to you."



Eddie Lenihan – Seanchai/Storyteller

(Day 4 – 6: May 16 - 18) Next we traveled south to County Kerry, where we stopped for the afternoon at Killarney National Park to tour the Muckross House and Gardens. Most of the tour group took a horse drawn jaunting car around the Lakes of Killarney. The Rhododendron's and Bluebells were everywhere at the park and the walks along the extensive gardens and forest were very relaxing. We ended the day in the music town of Dingle and the views from our hotel of Dingle Bay were breathtaking.



Jaunting Cars at Killarney National Park



Muckross House & Gardens



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Along with 2 days of exploring Dingle town and the surrounding area, we were entertained one night by two of Ireland's finest musicians, Muireann Nic Amhlaoibh and Gerry O'Beirne. Muireann gave a fascinating demonstration of Sean-Nos (old style) singing and how the ornamentation and way of singing varies in different parts of Ireland. She and Gerry sang songs in Irish and English and Gerry's fingerstyle guitar playing and songwriting and Muireann's amazing flute and tinwhistle playing were pure poetry.



Music performance by Muireann Nic Amhlaoibh and Gerry O'Beirne.



View of Dingle Harbor from our Hotel



Blasket Islands & Dingle Peninsula

(Day 7 – 9: May 19 - 21) After three wonderful days in County Kerry, we then traveled north to County Galway. We spent the afternoon in Galway City and then on to Aughnacore Castle before ending the day in Clifden, The Capitol of Connemara. The following day, many of our group went to the Connemara National Park and some even hiked up "The Diamond", while others went to the Connemara Heritage Center which takes you on a trolley up into the high hills to learn about cutting "Turf" and visit a restored "Famine" cottage.



Eyre Square – Galway City



16th Century O'Flaherty-Aughnacore Castle



Clifden, Connemara, County Galway



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Tractor Trolley: Connemara Heritage Center



Dan O'Hara's famine era cottage



The Diamond – Connemara National Park

Day 10 – 12: May 22 - 24) On day 10 of the tour, we left Clifden and spent the morning at the beautiful Kylemore Abbey and Gardens. The weather was a bit rainy but luckily it held for a good part of the day. After lunch, we carried on north into Counties Mayo and Sligo, passing Killary Harbor, Ireland's only Fjord. From there we went to County Mayo, stopping at Turlough Roundtower and ended the day in Sligo.



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Kylemore Abbey



Kylemore Gardens



Turlough Round Tower



Glencar Waterfall



Carrowmore Megalithic Complex



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Knocknarea – Queen Maeve's Tomb



Mullaghmore & Classiebawn Castle



Benbulbin in the distance



Parke's Castle

(Day 13: May 25) On our last full day of the tour, we travelled from Sligo back to Shannon stopping along the way at Coole Park, home of Lady Gregory who, along with W.B. Yeats, founded the Abbey Theatre in Dublin and who was part of the Irish Literary Revival of the 20th Century. At Coole Park, we had lovely walks, time for lunch at the Tearoom and to reflect on our two weeks of touring the West Coast of Ireland.



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COMMENTS FROM OUR TOUR GROUP:

"I had a most delightful time. It was the friendliest and most relaxed tour I have ever been on." BT

"The archaeological sites were a big highlight for me. The docents were all amazing; well informed and very engaging presentations. All the hotels and group meals were great." SS

"I enjoyed the music on the bus and at our gatherings. Every opportunity to hear Four Shillings Short was treasured. Songs that I remembered often were "Galway Bay" and the rabbits and their habits. It was also fun to perform even something silly alongside the musicians I admired! The performance by Muireann Nic Amhlaoibh and Gerry O'Beirne was excellent!" AC

"Thank you again for the wonderful trip to Ireland. It is a beautiful country with all the flowers, different shades of green, the music, ocean views, the friendly people, and most of all meeting new friends, yes we are now in your tribe." KK

"For drop dead beautiful the Killarney National Park was a winner! Loved the jaunting carts AND the chatting with the drivers! The gardens are amazing this time of year and the Muckross House was gorgeous and gave credibility to Downton Abbey. Dan O'Hara's cottage is an absolute must! Loved the ride up to the cottage." LM

"Tour Guides: This was the best part of the tour. Your commentary in advance and during the activity, on history, culture, and locations, was very interesting and helpful." BC

"I loved our tour guides. They were knowledgeable, good humored, and very responsible. Things were arranged well, there was flexibility in the schedule and genuine concern for the safety and enjoyment of the group " MG



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2022 CONCERT SCHEDULE:also online @ <https://www.4shillingsshort.com>

JUNE 2022 – IRELAND

JULY 2022 – IRELAND

SATURDAY: JULY 2, 2022 (tentative)

@ 11am - 6pm

10th Galway Garden Festival

Claregalway Castle, Claregalway, Co Galway, Ireland

Festival Admission €10.00 pp per day

Children FREE

Supporting CBM (Christian Blind Mission) Ireland

SUNDAY: JULY 3, 2022 (tentative)

@ 11am - 6pm

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AUGUST 2022 – IRELAND

SEPTEMBER 2022 – IRELAND & CALIFORNIA

Sept 20th return to US from Ireland

FRIDAY: SEPTEMBER 23, 2022

2 Shows @ 6:30pm & 8:00pm

Celtic, Folk & World music concerts with Four Shillings Short

SEAMUS WINES TASTING LOUNGE:

Kenwood Village Center: 8910 Sonoma Way, Kenwood, CA 95452

(912) 441-7422 <https://seamustastinglounge.com/events/>

Donation



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SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 @ 3:00 – 6:00pm

SAN GREGORIO GENERAL STORE:

Stage Road & Hwy 84, San Gregorio, CA 94074

(650) 726-0565 <https://www.sangregoriostore.com/music/>

Donation - Performance will be outdoors, weather permitting.

Check website for changes.

FRIDAY: SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 @ 7:00 – 9:00pm

OCCIDENTAL CENTER FOR THE ARTS

3850 Doris Murphy Court, Occidental, CA 95465

(707) 874-9392 Tickets are \$25 GA / \$20 for OCA Members.

Tickets available online at:

<https://www.occidentalcenterforthearts.org/upcoming-events>

OCTOBER 2022 – CALIFORNIA & COLORADO

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FRIDAY: OCTOBER 14, 2022 @ 7:30 – 9:30pm (doors open @ 6:30pm)

Celtic, Folk & World music concert with Four Shillings Short

SOCIETY HALL: 400 Ross Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101

www.societyhall.org (719) 973-2636

Tickets online: \$20 advance or \$25 at the door

SUNDAY: OCTOBER 16, 2022 @ 3:00 – 5:00PM

Celtic & World music concert with Four Shillings Short

COALDALE SCHOOLHOUSE: 287 Hayden Creek Road, Coaldale, CO 81222

For info (650) 274-1100 Free Will Donation



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SATURDAY: OCTOBER 22, 2022 @ 4:00 – 5:00pm

A SAMHAIN/HALLOWEEN CONCERT Four Shillings Short: music, stories & folklore celebrating the Celtic New Year
CRESTED BUTTE LIBRARY: 507 Maroon Ave., Crested Butte, CO 81224
(970) 349-6535 <https://www.gunnisoncountylibraries.org/crested-butte-library/>
Free Family Concert

WEDNESDAY: OCTOBER 26, 2022 @6:00 – 8:00pm

A Samhain/Halloween concert with Four Shillings Short - music, stories & folklore celebrating the Celtic New Year
NYLAND COHOUSING – Common House
3525 Nyland Way, Lafayette, CO 80026
<https://www.nylandcohousing.org> Donation

SATURDAY: OCTOBER 29, 2022 @ 2:00 – 3:00PM

A SAMHAIN/HALLOWEEN CONCERT Four Shillings Short: music, stories & folklore celebrating the Celtic New Year
BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY: 6014 S. Datura St., Littleton, CO 80120
(303) 795-3961 <https://www.littletongov.org>
Free Family Concert

SUNDAY: OCTOBER 30 & MONDAY: OCTOBER 31, 2022 @ 7:30 – 9:30PM

A SAMHAIN/HALLOWEEN CONCERT – music, stories & folklore to celebrate the Celtic Bonfire Festival of Samhain
BAS BLEU THEATRE: 401 Pine Street, Fort Collins, CO 80524
(970) 498-8949 www.basbleu.org/tickets/
Tickets: \$26 Regular/\$20 Seniors (65+)/\$13, Students
\$6 Low-income (Must show proof, i.e. Medicaid or Quest card)

NOVEMBER 2022 – NEW MEXICO

SATURDAY: NOVEMBER 5, 2022 @ 6:30 – 8:30pm

Celtic, Folk & World music concert with Four Shillings Short
@ Community Presbyterian Church
17570 Highway 4, Jemez Springs, NM 87025
For info (575) 829-3340 <https://www.jemezfineart.com/>
Suggested Donation: \$20 adults/\$5 children
Benefit concert for Jemez Fine Art Gallery



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THURSDAY: NOVEMBER 10, 2022 @ Times TBA

Around the World in 30 Instruments concert with Four Shillings Short

BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Bloomfield Multi-Cultural Center: 333 South First Street, Bloomfield, NM 87413

(505) 632-8315 <https://www.bloomfieldnm.gov/library>

Free Family Concert

FRIDAY: NOVEMBER 11, 2022 @ 6:00 – 8:00PM (tentative booking)

Celtic, Folk & World music concert with Four Shillings Short

ENCORE COFFEE SHOP: 315 N. Auburn Ave., Farmington, NM 87401

(505) 258-4076 <https://www.encorecoffeeshop.com>

Donation

SATURDAY: NOVEMBER 19, 2022 @ 7:30 – 9:30PM

CELTIC WINTER CONCERT with Four Shillings Short

TEATRO PARAGUAS: 3205 Calle Marie, Suite B, Santa Fe, NM 87507

(505) 424-1601 <https://www.teatroparaguasnm.org/>

\$20 general admission/ \$15 seniors & students

SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 20, 2022 @ 3:00 – 5:00pm

IRISH DIASPORA CONCERT – Music, Poetry and Stories from the Irish Tradition

TEATRO PARAGUAS: 3205 Calle Marie, Suite B, Santa Fe, NM 87507

(505) 424-1601 <https://www.teatroparaguasnm.org/>

\$20 general admission/ \$15 seniors & students

DECEMBER 2022 – NEW MEXICO & ARIZONA

THURSDAY: DECEMBER 1, 2022 @ Time: TBA

Celtic, Folk & World music concert with Four Shillings Short

BENEFIT for St. Andrews Hospitality House

@ RIO GRANDE THEATRE: 211 N Main Street, Las Cruces, NM 88001

(575) 541-2290 for info: <http://www.riograndetheatre.org/>

<https://www.standrewshospitalityhouse.org/>

Tickets: To be determined



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SATURDAY: DECEMBER 3, 2022 @ 7:00 – 9:00pm

Celtic, Folk & World music concert with Four Shillings Short

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Silver City

3845 N. Swan St, Silver City, NM 86061

For info: (575) 574-2170 <https://www.uufsc.com>

Suggested donation: \$10

Benefit concert for the Social Justice Committee

FULL LENGTH FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT CONCERTS ON YOUTUBE:

ONLINE CONCERTS: We are happy to release two new "ONLINE CONCERTS"

<https://4shillingsshort.com/virtualconcert>

Please check out more Four Shillings Short videos on our YouTube Channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCp5cBfcQmMVFypC0CJTqpww/videos>

In addition, there are loads of YouTubes posted by other people which you can find by searching for "Four Shillings Short YouTube Videos".

Here are just a few of the full length concerts available on YouTube:

Four Shillings Short- S3E2 Music from the New Deal Café, Greenbelt, Maryland:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1_cK6qTXFc

Four Shillings Short performs for Music Wednesday, Chattanooga, Tennessee:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-oQYmSgl6o>

Four Shillings Short – Around the World in 30 Instruments:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DVvQ0OAH5Do>

Four Shillings Short – Live in San Clemente, California:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EeutBhN-ZyU>

Four Shillings Short – Live at the Little Fox Theatre, Redwood City, California:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0yHOAlirJS8>

Four Shillings Short – Live in Ruidoso, New Mexico:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4DFAqP4AUs&t=11s>

Thank you so much for supporting our music.

Your friends in Music and Love,

Christy & Aodh Og

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