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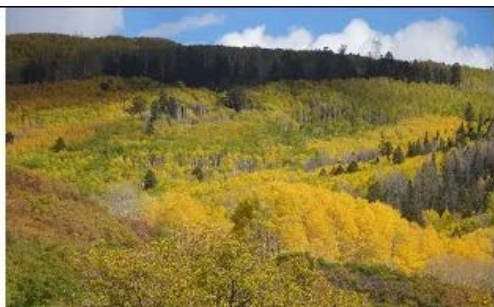
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## WINTER 2022 NEWSLETTER & 2023 IRISH TOURS UPDATE

Samhain Blessings from Christy & Aodh Og of Four Shillings Short:

**SAMHAIN - The Celtic New Year:** The Ancient Celtic Bonfire festival of Samhain, pronounced 'sow-in' meaning 'the Summer's end', is also known as Féile na Marbh (the Feast of the Dead) in Ireland. Samhain marks the end of harvest, beginning of Winter and the Celtic New Year. Traditionally celebrated at the end of October and beginning of November it is the origin of Halloween or All Hallows Eve, All Souls Day and Dia de los Muertos. It is believed that on Samhain or 'Ancestor night', the border between the world of the living and the dead is thinnest. Candles are lit at the graves of loved ones, offerings of food and drink left out for the Ancestors and bonfires lit throughout the countryside. Many of our modern day customs are based on the Traditions of Samhain including ghost stories, Halloween costumes, bobbing for apples, and the jack-o-lantern.



Golden Aspens in Colorado



Snowy Peaks in Colorado



Lakes and Mountains of Colorado



Black Canyon of the Gunnison



Concert Set up @ Crested Butte Library



Society Hall Concert, Alamosa



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**Looking Ahead.....** We've had a glorious Autumn season in Colorado and have a couple of Samhain/Halloween concerts left before heading to New Mexico in November. In December, we continue with concerts in New Mexico and finish the year back at our home base in Palo Alto for our final concert of the year at San Gregorio General Store. In January 2023 we begin the year at the UU Community of Cambria, California as the special speakers & musicians on New Years Day, and for a concert on January 3rd. Also, on January 7th, for the first time in many years, we perform in Christy's home town of San Diego at the House of Ireland in Balboa Park.

Many thanks to our beloved hosts in Colorado. We are truly grateful for your hospitality and support. And to all our friends who come to see our concerts, send their friends to our shows, host us, send us donations and purchase our CD's: You are the ones who make our Musical Troubadour Journey possible. We are so thankful for your loving support

## **UPCOMING CONCERTS IN COLORADO, NEW MEXICO & CALIFORNIA:**

Here's a quick list of our concerts through the end of the year

WED: OCT 26 – Nyland Cohousing Community Room, Lafayette, CO Potluck @ 6pm /Concert @ 7pm

SAT: OCT 29 – Bemis Public Library, Littleton, CO @ 2pm

SUN: OCT 30 – Samhain Concert @ Bas Bleu Theatre, Fort Collins, CO @ 7:30pm

MON: OCT 31 – Samhain Concert @ Bas Bleu Theatre, Fort Collins, CO @ 7:00pm

THUR: NOV 3 - Los Alamos Library Concert @ Fuller Lodge, Los Alamos, NM 6:30pm

SAT: NOV 5 - Community Presbyterian Church, Jemez Springs, NM @ 6:30pm

THUR: NOV 10 - Bloomfield Public Library, Bloomfield, NM @ 6pm

FRI: NOV 11 - Encore Coffee Shop, Farmington, NM @ 5pm

SAT: NOV 19 - Celtic Winter Concert @ Teatro Paraguas, Santa Fe, NM @ 7:30pm

SUN: NOV 20 - Irish Diaspora Concert @ Teatro Paraguas, Santa Fe, NM @ 3:00pm

THUR: DEC 1 - Benefit for Hospitality House @ Rio Grande Theatre, Las Cruces 7:00pm

SAT: DEC 3 - Benefit for Social Justice @ UU Fellowship of Silver City, NM @ 7:00pm

SUN: DEC 11 - San Gregorio General Store, San Gregorio, CA @ 11am

SUN: DEC 18 - UU Church of Palo Alto, CA 9:30 & 11am services

more info below & online @ <https://www.4shillingsshort.com>



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## 2023 IRISH BUS TOURS:

We still have room on our 2023 IRISH BUS TOURS. Below is a brief description of each tour. Please contact us if you are interested [fourshillingsshort@gmail.com](mailto:fourshillingsshort@gmail.com)

**WEST COAST TOUR: MAY 29 – JUNE 11 (2 spaces available)**

**IRELAND'S ANCIENT HIDDEN TREASURES TOUR: JUNE 24 – JULY 7 (10 spaces)**

**SOUTHERN IRELAND TOUR: JULY 18 – 31 (10 spaces)**

**Ireland's Ancient Hidden Treasures Tour:** This tour focuses on the Ancient historical and archaeological sites of Ireland going back to 7000 years to the present. If you've never been to Ireland, this is the tour for you.

We start this tour in Dublin the Capitol City of Ireland, with its numerous archaeology, history & art museums, famous Temple Bar music district, Phoenix Park, Botanical Gardens, Theaters and monuments. We then head to County Meath, known as the "Royal County" as it was the seat of the Ancient High Kings of Ireland. We visit the historically rich Boyne Valley and the Neolithic Passage tombs of Newgrange and Knowth (3200BC), the Hill of Tara where the High Kings of Ireland were crowned and stay in the famous town of Kells (where the Book of Kells got its name).

We then journey South through County Tipperary and tour the Rock of Cashel (seat of the Chieftains of Munster) with the most impressive collection of Medieval buildings including a Round tower, High Cross, Romanesque Chapel, Gothic Cathedral, Abbey and Hall of Vicars Choral and 15th Century Tower House. We then head off to Cork City where you will get a personal walking tour of Aodh Og's home town and later we will visit Blarney Castle & Gardens.

Next we head to Counties Carlow and Wicklow where we will view Wedge tombs, Stone Circles and Dolmens, and end the tour in the 7th Century monastic retreat of Glendalough high in the beautiful Wicklow Mountains.

**Ireland's Southern Coast and Viking History Tour:** This tour begins in Dublin and visits the many port towns founded by the Vikings when they invaded Ireland in the 8th & 9th Centuries. We stay in several seaside towns on this tour with beautiful views of the bays and ocean and delve deeper into the history of the Viking influence on the development of the first "towns and ports" in Ireland.

Following the Southern Coast we make our way through the Irish countryside of Wexford where the Vikings first landed. We visit the Irish Heritage Park where the history of Prehistoric through Medieval Ireland is depicted with Crannog's, Stone Forts, early Christian settlements and Viking Boats and Villages.

We travel to the historic town of Waterford taking in tours of the Waterford Crystal Factory, Viking Triangle and Museum of Medieval Treasures. We then travel to County Cork, with a stop at Middleton Distillery to see how Irish Whiskey is made before heading to Glengarriff along beautiful Bantry Bay.



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While staying in Glengariff, we will tour the beautiful coastline and take in part of the Ring of Kerry, visiting Derrynane House, home of Daniel O'Connell, known as the "Great Liberator" of Ireland and champion of the Catholic Emancipation Act of 1829. We will also take a short boat ride to Garnish Island to walk among the beautiful walled gardens, Grecian Temple and Martello Tower.

We end this tour in Limerick, another Viking Town, where we'll visit the Grange Stone Circle, one of the largest in Ireland along with gardens, museums, castles and cathedrals.

**West Coast & Wild Atlantic Way Tour:** This tour begins in Shannon and takes in the beautiful countryside of County Kerry, Clare, Galway and Mayo. We visit the town of Dingle, County Kerry, known for its vibrant music scene and breathtaking views of the Atlantic.

We then head to Ennis, County Clare, for the Fleadh Nua Music Festival, taking in the Cliffs of Moher, stone forts, dolmens and an abbey. We then head to County Mayo to spend time on Achill Island, see a deserted "famine era" village and visit the Irish Museum of Country Life to learn about the life of Rural Ireland in previous centuries.

This tour ends in County Galway in Clifden, the Capitol of Connemara, where there will be opportunity to hike at Connemara National Park, visit beautiful gardens at Kylemore Abbey and learn about the life of the Irish during famine times at the Connemara Heritage Center.

Please contact us ASAP to reserve a space on the tour of your preference.

**FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT Bus Tours of Ireland** feature the archaeology, history, folklore, music and scenery of the Emerald Isle. This will be our 6th year leading bus tours in Ireland with Eirebus, and we're looking forward to leading these one-of-a-kind tours for many years to come.

Our bus tours are only open to everyone on our mailing list and your immediate family & most intimate friends and are NOT open to the general public so PLEASE DO NOT FORWARD or SHARE this announcement with anyone unless you check with us first.

## **COST FOR 2023 TOURS:**

\$3000 per person, sharing a room

\$3900 per person, single room (limit of 5 single rooms at this price)

If you are traveling alone and want to share a room we will make every effort to match you up with a suitable roommate.





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## DEADLINES:

DEADLINE FOR SIGNING UP: November 30, 2022

FIRST DEPOSIT DUE: \$1500 by December 1, 2022

FINAL DEPOSIT DUE: by January 15, 2023

Each tour is limited to 30 people and is smoke free & fragrance free.

Please contact us ASAP to reserve a space on the tour of your preference.

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

### WEDNESDAY: OCTOBER 26, 2022

Potluck @ 6:00 & Concert 7:00– 8:30pm

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 with 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 @ 7:30 – 9:30PM (doors open @ 7pm)

“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/](http://www.basbleu.org/tickets/)

Tickets: \$25 General Admission



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**MONDAY: OCTOBER 31, 2022 @ 7:00 – 9:00PM (doors open @ 6:30pm)**

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(970) 498-8949 [www.basbleu.org/tickets/](http://www.basbleu.org/tickets/)

Tickets: \$25 General Admission

**NOVEMBER 2022 – NEW MEXICO**

**THURSDAY: NOVEMBER 3, 2022 - 6:30 – 8:30PM (doors open at 6pm)**

The Los Alamos Public Library presents: A SAMHAIN/HALLOWEEN CONCERT with Four Shillings Short – music, stories & folklore to celebrate the Celtic Bonfire Festival of Samhain

FULLER LODGE ART CENTER: 2132 Central Ave, Los Alamos, NM 87544

505-662-1635 or 505/662-8250 <https://www.losalamosartscouncil.org/>

Free Family Concert sponsored by Los Alamos Public Library

**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

**THURSDAY: NOVEMBER 10, 2022 @ 6:00 – 8:00pm**

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



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**FRIDAY: NOVEMBER 11, 2022 @ 5:00 – 7:00pm**

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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 & CALIFORNIA**

**THURSDAY: DECEMBER 1, 2022 @ 7:00 - 9:00pm**

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: \$20 adults/\$15 children

**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



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**SUNDAY: DECEMBER 11, 2022 11:00AM – 1:00PM**

SAN GREGORIO GENERAL STORE

Stage Road & Hwy 84, San Gregorio, CA 94074

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

Donation

**This will be our last concert in the SF Bay Area for several years.**

**SUNDAY: DECEMBER 18, 2022**

Four Shillings Short play music for the 9:30 & 11:00am services

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

505 E. Charleston, Palo Alto, CA

(650) 494-0541 [www.uucpa.org](http://www.uucpa.org)

## **FULL LENGTH FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT CONCERTS ON YOUTUBE:**

ONLINE CONCERTS: Not able to come to a show? You can watch a whole concert of Four Shillings Short online.... Follow these links and enjoy. <https://4shillingsshort.com/virtualconcert>

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCp5cBfcQmMVfypC0CjTqpww/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](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>

Thank you so much for supporting our music. Your friends in Music and Love,

Christy & Aodh Og

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