



Four Shillings Short

Celtic, Folk and World Music

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Newsletter

May, 2023

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FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT May, 2023 NEWSLETTER

Happy Bealtaine from Aodh Og & Christy of Four Shillings Short:

Bealtaine (Beltane) is the Ancient Gaelic Bonfire festival that is celebrated on May 1st, at the mid point between the spring equinox and the summer solstice.

Bealtaine draws its name from a mystical Beltany Stone Circle (2100 - 700BC) in Raphoe, Co. Donegal, where on May 1st the only decorated stone in the ancient circle is illuminated by the rising sun. Bealtaine marks the beginning of the summer and traditionally, ribbons or gifts will be tied to particular Blackthorn Trees (Maybush or Wishing trees) that were associated with the Fairies, asking for protection for livestock, crops, fertility, and a healthy harvest. This tradition evolved into the Maypole.



BELTANY STONE CIRCLE



WISHING TREE

The Maybush/Maypole Song (by Christy Martin 2016)

Let's welcome in the Summer, 'tis now the month of May,
The meadows are a blanket of flowers bright and gay.
The trees are full of blossoms, the birds and bees fly high.
So welcome in the Summer by Bealtaine Fire light.

CHORUS:

Gather round the Maybush, a ribbon in your hand,
And weave the dance of Summer, to bless the fertile land.
May sun and rain be plenty and every tree and vine,
Grow stronger with the season 'till Autumn harvest time.



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The Fairy Mounds have opened, their kisses are the flowers.
They twirl in dancing rainbows, and flirt between the bowers.
The cows long for the pasture, the foals they kick and prance,
The Summer's fun has started, and Nature wants to dance.

CHORUS

Summer is for loving, its heat inspires the Soul,
So let your heart be merry and let your worries go.
The couples join and follow the music and the beat,
Of love's enchanting rhythms and roll in grasses green.

CHORUS

The Green Man of the forest, his power surges forth,
And spreads a verdant beauty that speaks to every heart.
The dewy grass it beckons our happy toes and feet,
To dance around the Maybush and join the Summers Feast.

CHORUS

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## UPCOMING CONCERTS IN MAY 2023:

We only have 2 concerts this month in Maryland (Timonium & Greenbelt) before we fly to Ireland on May 18th. Below are the details of these concerts. Please RSVP Brenda if you are planning to attend the May 5th House Concert.

### FRIDAY: MAY 5, 2023

Outdoor pot luck dinner 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (depending on weather)

Outdoor Concert 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (depending on weather)

Celtic and Folk Music with Four Shillings Short

HOUSE CONCERTS ON LONGDALE: 101 Longdale Road, Timonium, MD 21093

Please RSVP Brenda at (410) 560-4953 or email [brendamcogley@gmail.com](mailto:brendamcogley@gmail.com)

\$20 suggested donation

Please bring lawn chairs, a dish to share and warm clothing. Concert will be indoors if the weather is inclement





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## **SUNDAY: MAY 7, 2023**

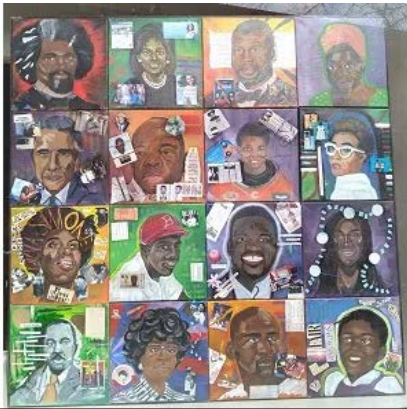
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

NEW DEAL CAFÉ -113 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770

301/474-5642 [www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com) Donation

## **APRIL 2023:**

Our concerts in April were wonderful and we want to thank everyone who came out to our shows, sent their friends and especially to the wonderful family & friends who hosted us while we were in Kentucky & Ohio. Here are a few photos from April.



**Artwork in Paducah, KY**



**The mighty Ohio River- Louisville, Kentucky**



**Blooming Bradford Pear**



**Blooming Redbud Tree**



**Little Art Theatre – Yellow Springs, Ohio**



**On Stage at the Little Art Theatre**



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**Kentucky Homefront Concert with  
Susannah Martin**



**Harris Hawk @ Cherokee Park, Louisville**

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**IRELAND BUS TOURS THIS SUMMER:** Our tours in Ireland are fully booked this year and we'll be announcing our 2024 tours later in the month. Please email us if you want to be added to the IRELAND BUS TOUR EMAIL LIST. Check out our website for a description of our tours:

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

**WEST COAST TOUR of IRELAND: MAY 29 – JUNE 11, 2023**

**JUNE & JULY - IRELAND**

**IRELAND'S HIDDEN TREASURES TOUR: JUNE 24 – JULY 11, 2023**

**AUGUST – NEW YORK**

### **THUR: AUGUST 3, 2023**

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Around the World in 30 Instruments Concert with Four Shillings Short

AURORA TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

550 Main St., East Aurora, NY 14052

(716) 652-4000 <https://www.buffalolib.org>

Free Family Concert





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## **MONDAY: AUGUST 7, 2023**

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Around the World in 30 Instruments Concert

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Celtic, Folk and World Music Concert

IRONDEQUOIT PUBLIC LIBRARY

1290 Titus Ave., Rochester, NY 14617

<https://www.libraryweb.org>

Free Family Concert

## **THURSDAY: AUGUST 10, 2023**

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Around the World in 30 Instruments Concert with Four Shillings Short

SEYMORE LIBRARY

161 East Ave., Brockport, NY 14420

(585) 637-1050 <https://www.libraryweb.org>

Free Family Concert

## **THURSDAY: AUGUST 17, 2023**

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Celtic, Folk & World music concert with Four Shillings Short

KINGSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

55 Franklin St., Kingston, NY 12401

<https://www.kingstonlibrary.org>

Free Family Concert

## **SATURDAY: AUGUST 26**

Time - TBA

Concerts in LaLa Land

Third Street Meeting House,

120 3rd St, Ithaca, NY 14850

For more info contact Fullis at [fullis2b@aol.com](mailto:fullis2b@aol.com)



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**SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**

**HOUSE CONCERT**

Home of Jessy Diamondstone  
Dummerston, VT

**OCTOBER – NEW HAMPSHIRE & MAINE**

**SUNDAY: OCTOBER 1, 2023**

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Celtic & World music concert with Four Shillings Short  
RiverMead Retirement Community  
Peterborough, NH  
<https://www.rivermead.org>  
**PRIVATE CONCERT**

**TUESDAY: OCTOBER 17, 2023**

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Around the World in 30 Instruments Concert

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Celtic Music Concert

**LITHGOW PUBLIC LIBRARY**

45 Winthrop Street, Augusta, ME 04330

(207) 626-2415 [www.lithgowlibrary.org](http://www.lithgowlibrary.org)

Free Family Concert

**THURSDAY: OCTOBER 19, 2023**

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

“Around the World in 30 Instruments” Concert with Four Shillings Short

**BUCK MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

47 Main St., Bucksport, ME 04416

(207) 469-2650 <https://www.bucklibrary.org>

Free Family Concert



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## **FRIDAY: OCTOBER 20, 2023**

Witherle Memorial Library presents

10:00 am School performance & 7:00 pm Concert

Four Shillings Short – Celtic, Folk & World music

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Castine

86 Court Street, Castine, ME 04421

(207) 326 – 4375 [www.witherlelibrary.net](http://www.witherlelibrary.net)

Donation

## **SATURDAY: OCTOBER 21, 2023**

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

HALCYON GRANGE

1157 Pleasant Street, Blue Hill, ME 04614

<https://www.halcyongrange.org>

Suggested Donation: \$10 – 20

Proceeds will help benefit the Halcyon Grange

## **SATURDAY: OCTOBER 28, 2023**

7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

A SAMHAIN/HALLOWEEN CONCERT:

Music, stories & folklore Celebrating the Ancient Celtic Bonfire Festival of Samhain

SAIL POWER & STEAM MUSEUM

75 Mechanic Row, Rockland, ME 04841

(207) 701-7627 <https://www.sailpowersteammuseum.org/>

\$15 general admission

## **NOVEMBER – EAST COAST & MARYLAND**

### **SATURDAY: NOVEMBER 25, 2023**

5:00 pm Potluck / 6:30 pm Concert

Celtic, Folk & World music concert with Four Shillings Short

PRIVATE HOUSE CONCERT & POTLUCK

Baltimore, MD

## **DECEMBER – THE CAROLINAS, GEORGIA, FLORIDA**