



Four Shillings Short

Celtic, Folk and World Music

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Newsletter

July/August, 2023

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FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT - JULY & AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

Greetings from Aodh Og & Christy of Four Shillings Short:

The Long Days of Summer

Languid and sweet are the long days of Summer.

Blackberry bushes heavy with fruit,

Apple tree limbs bow low with their burden,

Lazy bones soothed by the warm afternoon.

Sipping each moment of life giving nectar.

The long days of summer are leaving too soon.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR 2023 IRELAND TOURS

2023 WEST COAST TOUR: The West Coast Tour was blessed by some of the finest Summer weather that Ireland has seen. In fact, it was almost too hot some days. Because this tour focuses on the scenery of the Counties along the Atlantic Coast, the good weather provided us with incredible outdoor experiences including boat journeys on Dingle Bay and to the Great Blasket Island and a smooth ferry crossing on the Shannon River. We all enjoyed the Fleadh Nua Music festival in Ennis with great music, storytelling and singing sessions and clear days when we toured the Cliffs of Moher and the Burren. This was the first year we included County Mayo on our West Coast Tour and the group really enjoyed the guided tour of the Deserted Village on Achill Island and our visits to the Museum of Country Life and Turlough Roundtower. Our time in Connemara was also blessed with warm weather so our visits to Kylemore Abbey, Killary Harbor and Connemara National Park were all relatively dry and enjoyable.



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The Great Blasket Island, Co. Kerry



Dingle Peninsula, Co Kerry



Connemara, Co Galway



Cliffs of Moher, Co Clare



Session @ Fleadh Nua Festival



Yoga @ The Burren

2023 IRELAND'S HIDDEN TREASURES TOUR:

As is usual in Ireland, at the end of June, the rain returns and the days become cooler and windy. In spite of the rainy days the tour was full of amazing Archaeology, Museums and Historical Sites. While in Dublin, many people visited Trinity College and the Book of Kells, Dublin Castle, the National Museum of Archaeology, Botanical Gardens, Temple Bar District, and Kilmainham Gaol. Our time in County Meath was well spent with tours of the Megalithic Passage Tombs of Knowth and Newgrange, the Hill of Tara, Kells Abbey and Trim Castle. The rain made for soggy days at the Rock of Cashel and Cahir Castle, but we made up for it when we got to Cork with beautiful days in Cork and Blarney and perfect weather for our time in the Wicklow Mountains at Glendalough. The rains only interrupted our enjoyment of Powerscourt for a while, but most of us were able to stay dry by ducking under the enormous trees in the gardens or going for a taste of Fercullen Whiskey at the newly opened Powerscourt Distillery.



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Trinity College, Dublin



Newgrange Megalithic Tomb, Co. Meath



Trim Castle, Co. Meath



Blarney House, Co. Cork



Cork City & Shandon



Bags packed at the end of the Tour

IRELAND BUS TOURS 2024:

In 2024 we will lead two tours in Ireland including a new tour we have developed of Ireland's Heartlands and Waterways along with our very popular West Coast Tour of Ireland. We'll be announcing the dates for these tours in August. Please email us if you want to be added to the IRELAND BUS TOUR EMAIL LIST.

2023: AUGUST - NOVEMBER: CONCERTS IN THE NORTHEASTERN US:

We return from Ireland in late July and then begin an extensive tour of the Northeastern States of New York, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine and by late November we'll be heading to Maryland. We still have lots of available dates, so if you'd like to book us for a House Concert in your town, please email us for details. fourshillingsshort@gmail.com



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FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT CURRENT CONCERT SCHEDULE:

2023 AUGUST– NEW YORK & NEW HAMPSHIRE

THURSDAY: 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

SATURDAY: AUGUST 5, 2023

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Celtic, Folk & World music concert with Four Shillings Short

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF YOUNGSTOWN

100 Church St., Youngstown, NY 14174

<https://www.youngstownpres.org>

Free will donation

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

SEYMOUR LIBRARY: 161 East Ave., Brockport, NY 14420

(585) 637-1050 <http://www.seymourlibraryweb.org>

Free Family Concert



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THURSDAY: AUGUST 17, 2023

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Four Shillings Short: Celtic, Folk & World music concert on 30 Instruments

KINGSTON LIBRARY:

55 Franklin St., Kingston, NY 12401

<https://www.kingstonlibrary.org>

Free Family Concert

SATURDAY: AUGUST 26

7:30 pm – 9:30 pm / Doors @ 7:00 pm

La La Land Listening Room Concerts presents Four Shillings Short

@ Third Street Meeting House -

120 3rd St, Ithaca, NY 14850

RSVP Highly Recommended (50 seat limit)

For reservations or more info contact

Fullis at fullis2b@aol.com or Text (607) 793-1624

Suggested Donation: \$20 advance/\$22 at the door

First come, first served, Cash & Checks only, No Credit Cards

TUESDAY: AUGUST 29, 2023

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Celtic, Folk & World music concert with Four Shillings Short

BOSCAWEN PUBLIC LIBRARY:

116 North Main St., Boscawen, NH 03301

(603) 753-8576 <https://www.boscawenpubliclibrary.org>

Free Family Concert

SEPTEMBER – NEW HAMPSHIRE & VERMONT

FRIDAY: SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

7:30 pm

MUSIC IN THE GREAT NORTH WOODS CONCERT presents

Celtic, Folk & World music concert with Four Shillings Short

Medallion Opera House, Gorham Town Hall

20 Park St., Gorham, NH 03581

For info: (580) 624-0160 or susanferre@protonmail.com

Donation at the door

<https://medallionoperahouse.org/>



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FRIDAY: SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Celtic, Folk & World Music Concert with Four Shillings Short

THE OLD MEETING HOUSE:1

620 Center Road, East Montpelier Center, VT 05602

Tickets: \$15 – 25 Sliding scale donation

Contact: Catherine Harris: catharris55@hotmail.com or 802-760-0196

Online tickets available at: <https://www.oldmeetinghouse.org/news--events.html>

SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Celtic, Folk & World Music Concert with Four Shillings Short

BARN CONCERT: 355 Upper Dover Rd., Marlboro, VT 05344

RSVP REQUESTED: contact Edie @ ediemas@gmail.com

\$10 – 15 Sliding Scale Donation

SATURDAY: SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

EQUINOX GATHERING & HARVEST POTLUCK

Home of Jessy Diamondstone

Dummerston, VT

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:

150 RiverMead Rd. Peterborough, NH 03458-1744

(603) 924-1744 main number <https://www.rivermead.org>

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SUNDAY: OCTOBER 15, 2023

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

WERU 89.9fm – NEW POTATOES SHOW

Blue Hill, ME

Four Shillings Short will perform live in studio

TUESDAY: OCTOBER 17, 2023

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Around the World in 30 Instruments Concert

6:00pm – 7:00pm: Celtic Music Concert

LITHGOW PUBLIC LIBRARY:

45 Winthrop Street, Augusta, ME 04330

(207) 626-2415 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

FRIDAY: OCTOBER 20, 2023

Witherle Memorial Library presents

Four Shillings Short – Celtic, Folk & World music

10:00 am School performance

7:00 pm Concert

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Castine

86 Court Street, Castine, ME 04421

(207) 326-4375 www.witherlelibrary.net

Donation



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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 Bon-fire 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

THURSDAY: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Irish Traditional Music Session with Four Shillings Short

Wilton Collaborative Space

2nd Church Congregational Hall -21 Gregg St., Wilton, NH

For info contact Sandy (603) 654-1245 or programs@wiltoncommunitycenter.org

<https://wiltoncommunitycenter.org/>

FRIDAY: NOVEMBER 3, 2023

7:30 pm – 9:30 pm (doors open @ 7:00 pm)

CELTIC & WORLD MUSIC CONCERT with Four Shillings Short

WILTON FOLK CAFÉ @ Wilton Collaborative Space

2nd Church Congregational Hall

21 Gregg St., Wilton, NH

Admission is by donation & reservations are advised

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SATURDAY: NOVEMBER 11, 2023

TIME: TBA

CELTIC, FOLK & WORLD MUSIC Concert with Four Shillings Short

BELKNAP MILL:

25 Beacon Street, East, Laconia, NH 03246

(603) 524-8813 www.belknapmill.org

Suggested donation \$10-15

Veterans & Kids under 12 Free

SATURDAY: NOVEMBER 25, 2023

5:00 pm Potluck / 6:30 pm Concert

Celtic, Folk & World music concert with Four Shillings Short

HOUSE CONCERT & POTLUCK

Home of Leslie & Russ Margolis

Baltimore, MD

RSVP Requested

Contact lesliem@mdlclaw.org or (410) 370-5730

PRIVATE CONCERT

SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 26, 2023

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

NEW DEAL CAFÉ:

113 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770

301/474-5642

www.newdealcafe.com

Donation Reservations HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

(this venue books up quickly)