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This Week at the ICC:

TUESDAY

5:15pm Step Dancing

6:00pm Welsh Language Class

WEDNESDAY

6:00pm Pipe Lessons

6:00pm Ceili Lessons

7:15pm Phoenix Feis Meeting

THURSDAY

4:45pm Music Academy

FRIDAY

7:00am ERIN Breakfast Meeting

4:00pm Celtic Bar Association

(All events are at the ICC unless noted)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEPT 20th

Pan Celtic Ceilidh

SEPT 24th

Dervish Concert

OCT 11th

AZ Irish Festival

NOV 1st

San Patricios Fiesta

THANK YOU!!

Janet Arnell, Michelle Campbell,
Mary Moriarty, Julie O'Maher,
Patricia Prior, Jerica Leathers,
Seamus Geary, Alexia Feldman

**and all the rest who
pitched in and helped keep
things going this past few
weeks!**

DERVISH at the Irish Cultural Center

Sept. 24th

7:30pm

The name Dervish was chosen as it related to any group of poor but spiritual people who became enraptured by music.

Dervish, originally The Boys of Sligo, consisting of Liam Kelley, Shane Mitchell, Brian McDonagh and Michael Holmes (Sligo), Cathy Jordan (Roscommon) and Seamus O'Dowd (Sligo) and Tom Morrow (Leitrim), play a wonderful brand of traditional Irish music.

Dervish has become one of the most sought-after acts for live performances, and have toured extensively in Europe, the United States and Asia. Dervish concert performances are a myriad of tones and moods ranging from high energy tunes, played with fluidity and intuitiveness, to beautifully measured songs, from charming lyrics of life and love, to inspiring melodies that lift audiences from their seats. All the elements are drawn together by Cathy Jordan's masterful stage presence.

"The music integrity makes the group a formidable heir to the throne abandoned by 'The Bothy Band', if not a serious contender for 'The Chieftans' 'international' space.. This is simply a brilliant and uncluttered testimonial to music imagination and talent." *Fintan Vallely, The Irish Times, Ireland*

"Intensely exciting and loaded with copious amounts of umph... Dervish have a very intensive live presence."

Alex Moffat, Irish Music, Ireland

"These boys are capable of playing with note-perfect accuracy and perfect control at nearly supersonic tempos."

Don Meade, The Irish Voice, NY USA

DERVISH TICKETS

All Seats Reserved

Tickets \$30

Tickets are available at the Irish Cultural Center or by calling 602-534-9648 (credit/debit cards only) Monday-Friday from 10:00am-3:00pm.

Tickets previously ordered through the web site, will be available at the gate on the night of the concert. (Will-Call Booth)

Arizona Celtic Bar Association

The Irish Cultural Center is pleased to announce the Arizona Celtic Bar Association as an affiliated member.

"In collaboration with the Irish Cultural Center, our group hopes to create a network for legal professionals interested in Celtic culture and in identifying and supporting deserving Celtic charities."

Patrick J. Paul, President, Arizona Celtic Bar Association

Additional information:

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The mission of the Irish Cultural Center is to provide a link between the people of Arizona and the people of Ireland and other Celtic cultures. Programs, classes, festivals, exhibits and special events include history, music, art, dance, literature, drama, crafts, language, travel, sports and traditional activities.

The goal of the Irish Cultural Center is to provide the public with the highest quality educational and cultural programming. The Center is owned by the City of Phoenix and operated through a public private partnership with the Irish Cultural and Learning Foundation.

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Afan named "Best Celtic Band" by azcentral.com

The following was taken from their web article of September 14th, 2003:

BEST CELTIC BAND
afanmusic.com

Afan, marrying Irish and Welsh traditions in a Celtic musical melting pot, is a Friday-night staple at the Irish Cultural Center in Phoenix, playing furious sets at the center's weekly party. Founded in 2001 by Welsh ex-pat John Good, the group has just released its debut album "Queen of the Rushes", which blends traditional Irish tunes with more modern folk from such singers as Bob Dylan.

Pan-Celtic Ceilidh/Ceili at the ICC on Sat. Sept. 20th

Saturday evening, the Irish Cultural Center will host the second annual Pan-Celtic Ceilidh. There will be a reception and dinner starting at 5:30pm, followed by ceilidh/ceili dancing in the Irish, Scottish, Welsh and Cornish traditions starting at 7:30pm. Music will be by Atlantic Crossing and Afan joined by guest performers Jerica Leathers on fiddle and Steve Colby on guitar and vocals.

Tickets for the reception and dinner are \$35 while admission for the dancing is \$10.
Call 602-431-0095 to order tickets, or Email: pam@stewart-travel.com.

Beth Patterson brought ICC "Celtic with a Taste of Cajun"

Friday evening was Phoenix's debut of New Orleans-based singer-songwriter Beth Patterson. It won't be her last.

Beth was brought up playing Cajun music, which has Celtic origins, before becoming attracted to Irish music. She has toured all over the Eastern US and Western Europe, including spending a year in Cork City.

Beth Patterson is a remarkable performer. She is both a fantastic vocalist as well as a virtuoso on the Irish bouzouki. Beth was accompanied on instrumentals by Sven Henrich and Jerica Leathers. Beth mixed standard Irish and Scottish tunes with originals and Cajun music. Besides being an outstanding musician, Beth Patterson is a great entertainer whose humorous stories (all true) were marvelous. It was a great show.

By George O'Brien

Arizona Irish Festival

3rd Annual October 11th 10:00am-6:00pm

Margaret Hance Park 1160 N. Central Ave.

Premier Irish Bands, Dancers, Bagpipers, Food, Refreshments,
Merchandise Vendors, "Wee" Folk Area, Irish Football Demo, Tug-O-War
and continuous presentations on Irish history and culture.

Become a part of the Festival — Volunteer! Leave a message at 602-392-7850.

\$8.00 Adults (Under 13 Free)

Proceeds to Benefit the Irish Cultural Center and the Emerald Society Charities.

For more information about the Irish and Celtic Community in AZ, tune into The AZ Irish Radio Show with Pat McCrossan on KNFX 1100 AM every Saturday from 4:30-6:00pm. Log on to www.azirishmusic.com for information about the local Irish Music Scene, and subscribe to the Desert Shamrock newspaper: shamrockaz@cox.net or Call 602-795-8251.