



Benevolent Irish Society of PEI Arts Media Release
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BIS announces its Friday Night Ceilidh Season 2026

IN BRIEF

The public is invited to the Benevolent Irish Society's annual Friday Night Ceilidh Season 2026. Starting May 22, 2026, and running weekly on Fridays through to September 25, 2026, the authentic Irish ceilidhs feature top PEI musicians, storytellers, dancers and special guests. All two-hour family-friendly shows start at 7:30pm (doors open at 6:30pm) at the BIS's air conditioned and wheelchair-accessible Irish Cultural Centre, 582 North River Road, Charlottetown. Tickets are \$20 per person for adults, \$18 per person for BIS members, and \$5 per child 12 years of age and younger. Tickets may be purchased in advance online, plus applicable fees, at [Locarious.io](https://www.BenevolentIrishSocietyofPEI.com), and with cash at the door, if there is seating availability. A 50/50 draw, as well as light refreshments, occur at the intermission. Visit <https://www.BenevolentIrishSocietyofPEI.com>.

IN FULL

Kathy Roney, Chair of the Benevolent Irish Society's Social and Ceilidh Committee, is thrilled to welcome established and emerging talent on PEI in this year's season of 19 Friday night ceilidhs from May 22 – September 25, 2026: "We celebrate our province's Irish culture and heritage throughout the year. Our audiences especially love our authentic ceilidh, traditionally an event that brings communities together with music, dance, and song. It is a favourite by Islanders and tourists alike."

The 2026 schedule of the BIS's Friday Night Ceilidhs are listed, below:

Friday, May 22 Fiddler's Sons' Eddy Quinn, John B. Webster and Blu Gillis, and Fiona MacCorquodale (fiddle), and step dancers Grace Sulis-Chaisson, and Lillianna Bradley

Friday, May 29 Michael Pendergast and The Pendys with special guest Ray MacDonald, fiddler Flora MacLaine, and step dancers Grace Sulis-Chaisson, and Lillianna Bradley

Friday, June 5 Fullerton's Marsh's Frank McQuaid, Randy Dibblee, Willie Arsenault, and Dave McQuaid, fiddler Flora MacLaine, and step dancers Grace Sulis-Chaisson, and Lillianna Bradley

Friday, June 12 Tip 'er Back's Clive Currie, Allan Betts, and Wade Murray, Vocalist Darlene Bradley, fiddler Allison Giggey, and step dancers Grace Sulis-Chaisson, and Lillianna Bradley

Friday, June 19 Chaisson Trio's Louise Chaisson MacKinnon, Kevin Chaisson, and Shiela MacKenzie (fiddle), and step dancer Gerard Beaton

Friday, June 26 The Proud Islanders' special bilingual performance by Karl Proude, and Armand Arsenault, with step dancers and musicians Louise Arsenault (fiddle) and Helene Bergeron (keys)

Friday, July 3 Killick Junction's Edna McMaster, Len Buell, Wayne McLean, Jerry Keefe, and Vince Keoghan (fiddle), and step dancing by Havenwood Dancers

Friday, July 10 Tip ‘er Back’s Clive Currie, Allan Betts, and Wade Murray, Vocalist Darlene Bradley, fiddler Steve Perry, and step dancer Isla Rousseaux-Bridle

Friday, July 17 Fiddler’s Sons’ Eddy Quinn, John B. Webster, Blu Gillis and Fiona MacCorquodale (fiddle), and step dancer Isla Rousseaux-Bridle

Friday, July 24 Chaisson Trio’s Louise Chaisson MacKinnon, Kevin Chaisson, and Shiela MacKenzie (fiddle), and step dancer Lillianna Bradley

Friday, July 31 Fullerton’s Marsh’s Frank McQuaid, Randy Dibblee, Willie Arsenault, and Dave McQuaid perform a Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem Tribute, fiddler Allison Giggey, and step dancing by Havenwood Dancers

Friday, August 7 Tip ‘er Back’s Clive Currie, Allan Betts, and Wade Murray, Vocalist Darlene Bradley, fiddler Courtney Hogan-Chandler, and step dancing by Havenwood Dancers

Friday, August 14 Chaisson Trio’s Louise Chaisson MacKinnon, Kevin Chaisson, and Shiela MacKenzie (fiddle), and step dancer Gerard Beaton

Friday, August 21 Macaroon’s Stephanie Rooney, Mark Rooney and Scott Kaye, fiddler Allison Giggey, and step dancer Isla Rousseaux-Bridle

Friday, August 28 Fiddler’s Sons’ Eddy Quinn, John B. Webster and Blu Gillis, fiddler Fiona MacCorquodale, and step dancer Isla Rousseaux-Bridle

Friday, September 4 Fullerton’s Marsh’s Frank McQuaid, Randy Dibblee, Willie Arsenault, and Dave McQuaid, fiddler Allison Giggey, and step dancing by Havenwood Dancers

Friday, September 11 Sue Petrie and Frank Whitty, fiddler Buddy Longaphie, and step dancing by Havenwood Dancers

Friday, September 18 Fiddler’s Sons’ Eddy Quinn, John B. Webster and fiddlers Fiona MacCorquodale and Keelin Wedge, and step dancer Janelle Banks

Friday, September 25 Guinness’s Laura, Jim and Paddy Farrell, fiddler Flora MacLaine, and step dancers Grace Sulis-Chaisson and Lillianna Bradley

Ceilidhs start at 7:30pm (doors open at 6:30pm) and run approximately two-hours. Tickets are \$20 per person for adults, \$18 per person for BIS members, and \$5 per child 12 years of age and younger. They may be purchased in advance online, plus applicable fees, at Locarious.io, and with cash only at the door, if there is seating availability. A 50/50 draw, as well as light refreshments, occur at the intermission. Shows are at the BIS’s air-conditioned, and wheelchair accessible, Irish Cultural Centre in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. Visit <http://www.BenevolentIrishSocietyofPEI.com>.

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