
 Hello to fellow Atlantic Community Band members and musicians from all over. 


Second Wind Community Concert Band will host their annual Cape Breton Community BandFest 2021 on a new date and at a new location for this year.

Our date for this year will be the weekend after thanksgiving, October 15-17th and will be held at the Gaelic College in St. Ann's just near the beginning of the Cabot Trail Entrance once you take Exit 11 off of Hwy 105.


You can book your stay right on site of the BandFest for the weekend, as there's residence style accommodations and meals are a part of the package and all is so reasonable. This site is a very beautiful venue tucked just in at the entrance of our iconic Cabot Trail.

Our guest conductors, Christine Blanchard, Rowan FitzGerald and Andrew Alcorn along with Second Winds Artistic team and our community band leaders, will all be a part of our clinician team and leaders of the sections. We are excited to have the two levels of bands for this fest.

Music For Life's -the MacKay Band for our new musicians and the DesBarres Band for our seasoned musicians. It would be great if the Ron MacKay 'Music For Life' Horn Choir gathered here too. It was the last time we hosted at the Gaelic College in 2009 that we started this in Ron's Memory

 We will select music that will reflect this past year and be hopeful for continued musical growth. Already, some great charts have been selected. A great way to get back to playing with our fellow musician friends again.



Our registrar is yet again Elizabeth Buffett, and along with her team, you know this weekend will be lots of fun, along with great musical experiences. 

We are encouraging folk to register early, as we may have a COVID limit for capacity to accommodate social distancing, if that should be. So connect with Elizabeth starting July 23rd to register and she will direct you onto booking accommodations through the Gaelic college. There are many Bed and Breakfasts in the area that may still be open this weekend and they are all on the Cape Breton Destination and tourism sites as well as a motel less than a km away, called the St. Ann's Motel at exit 11, if you choose not to stay at the College.

Just got the prices which includes three meals on Saturday and two meals on Sunday with coffee breaks. Also there's a meal package for those not staying at the Gaelic college. Which you have to register for and book ahead.

Single -two night stay with meals NO TAX

\$207

Double -two people per room, two night stay, with meals, NO TAX

\$167 per person

Triple -three people per room, two night stay, with meals, NO TAX

\$155 per person

Meal Package with breaks if not staying at the College.

\$87 per person

Registration for BandFest 2021 is

\$90 per person

\$70 for a second person in the family and \$25 for a full-time student

There will be a pizza social after Friday's session with a cash bar.

And a social evening Saturday night with great local CB talent and a cash bar.

For details and deadlines.....

Contact: Elizabeth Buffett

buffettelizabeth@gmail.com

In order to book your accommodations for the Gaelic College, you need to book directly with the Gaelic College. Once you register with Elizabeth she will direct you to their contact: Gail Montgomery

The Gaelic College is located at:
51779 Cabot Trail Road
St. Ann's, Baddeck, NS
B0E 1B0

Come and enjoy this weekend of making music set in the beautiful colours and hills of Cape Breton.

On behalf of the Second Wind Community Concert Band, their Artistic Team, Margaret Miles, Michele Xidos and Sarah MacDonald,

Sincerely,

Laura Mercer