

## THURSDAY

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| <b>FREE WELCOME GATHERING AT UPTOP for festival &amp; retreat participants, tutors &amp; artists</b><br><b>11:00am – 2:00pm</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>UPTOP</b></span><br><b>All F01, F02 &amp; F03</b> Gathering activities are <b>FREE</b> . Bring a picnic lunch and a blanket or folding chair. Events will take place in and around the Dance Hall or other designated spaces at Uptop.  |  |  |  |
| <b>FREE SCOTTISH CEILIDH DANCING – All levels / JOHN CRUMLIN</b><br><b>F01 11:00am – 12:00pm</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>UPTOP</b></span><br>Don't miss the first chance to kick up your heels this weekend. Live music provided by La Veta's Celtic Orphans.   |  |  |  |
| <b>FREE TAKE YOUR VOICE OUT OF THE SHOWER – All levels / TANYA PERKINS</b><br><b>F02 11:00am – 12:00pm</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>UPTOP</b></span><br>Singing Class: "Take your voice out of the shower" for all levels of singers from beginners upwards.   |  |  |  |
| <b>FREE HANDS ON BODHRAN - Beginners / BETH GADBAW</b><br><b>F03 11:00am – 12:00pm</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>UPTOP</b></span><br>Beth teaches you the correct way to position a bodhran and basic strokes.  |  |  |  |
| <b>PICNIC LUNCH BREAK</b><br><b>F01 12:00 – 12:45pm</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>UPTOP</b></span><br>Bring a picnic lunch and your favorite blanket or folding chair.  |  |  |  |
| <b>FREE CEILIDH /ALL ARTISTS</b><br><b>F01 1:00 – 2:00pm</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>UPTOP</b></span><br>Open to all, so bring your instruments, dancing shoes, voices, and join the party.   |  |  |  |
| <b>- FESTIVAL EVENTS BEGIN IN LA VETA -</b>  |  |  |  |
| <b>IRISH AND CAPE BRETON STEP DANCING – All levels/ DAVE CURLEY, JOANNA HYDE, AND TADHG Ó MEACHAIR</b><br><b>W01 3:00 – 4:00pm \$18</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>LA VETA INN</b></span><br>This will be an introduction to Irish and Cape Breton step dancing, and a workshop for those who want to give it a try.   |  |  |  |
| <b>DEMO: PIPES HAVE THEIR OWN PERSONALITIES/JOEY ABARTA, DIRK MEWES, EUAN MCNAB, AND TIMOTHY CUMMINGS</b><br><b>D01 3:00 – 4:00pm \$20</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>LA VETA COMMUNITY CENTER</b></span><br>From Heron Valley, Euan McNab, on Highland pipes, with Spanish Peaks Piping Retreat teachers Joey Abarta & Dirk Mewes on uilleann pipes and Timothy Cummings, Lowland Scottish pipes  |  |  |  |
| <b>SPECIALTY SINGING COURSE (SSC): PREP A – PACKAGE ONLY/TANYA PERKINS</b><br><b>SSC01 3:00 – 4:00pm Pkg Only</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>MTHDST CHURCH, UL</b></span><br>Voice Class for Specialty Singing students only. <i>Prep A</i> and its follow-up <i>Prep B</i> Friday morning at 9 am are in preparation for singing classes with Ed Miller and Robbie O'Connell. Recording these sessions are strongly recommended.  |  |  |  |
| <b>DEMO: THE HERON VALLEY BAND</b><br><b>D02 4:15 – 5:15pm \$20</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>LA VETA MERCANTILE</b></span><br>How they first got started as a Scottish ceilidh band, influences that effected their musical directions, and while still retaining their traditional roots, new approaches they have, and are taking to create their own original sound. With examples of their music. Abigail Pryde, Nick Hamilton, Euan McNab, Callum Cronin, and Keith Morrison. |  |  |  |
| <b>SINGING FOR FUN (SFF) PART I: All Levels/ ADAM AGEE AND JON SOUSA</b><br><b>SFF01 4:15 – 5:15pm \$18</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>LA VETA INN</b></span><br>Part I - For the joy of singing together and learning new traditional songs. Song sheets are provided. SFF classes may be taken individually for \$18, or as a five-event package for \$75  |  |  |  |
| <b>CONCERT: THE LADS AT DOG BAR/ ED MILLER, ROBBIE O'CONNELL &amp; MAIRTIN DE COGAIN</b><br><b>C01 4:30 – 6:00pm \$20</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>DOGBAR, CUCHARA</b></span><br>Join Ed, Robbie, and Máirtín in the relaxed setting of Cuchara's Dog Bar for rousing songs, tall tales, and general merrymaking.  |  |  |  |
| <b>CONCERT: TASTE OF THINGS TO COME/ FESTIVAL ARTISTS</b><br><b>C02 7:30 – 9:30pm \$25</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>GARDNER COMM CTR</b></span><br>Introducing the artists performing during Festival Week. Homemade treats at intermission. One of the most popular events of the festival, so reserve early.   |  |  |  |