

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

	WELCOME GATHERING AND OPEN SESSION AT THE CUCHARA MOUNTAIN MERCANTILE - for festival & retreat participants, tutors & artists 11:00am – 2:00pm FREE CUCHARA MERC JOIN US AROUND THE LUNCH HOUR TO MEET UP WITH OLD FRIENDS AND NEW. All participants are invited to play a tune in the first open session of the Festival.
F01	SCOTTISH AND IRISH DANCING – All Levels – ALL ALASDAIR FRASER AND SAMANTHA HARVEY 11:00am – 12:00pm FREE CUCHARA MERC Don't miss the first chance to kick up your heels this weekend. Live music.
F02	PICNIC LUNCH BREAK: LUNCH AND CONVERSATION ALL 12:00pm – 12:45pm FREE CUCHARA MERC Bring a picnic lunch and your favorite blanket or folding chair or sit at one of our tables and meet up with old friends and new friends. Lunch is also available for purchase at the Cuchara Mountain Mercantile.
F03	SESSION WITH LUNASA ALL LUNASA AND FRIENDS 1:00pm – 2:00pm FREE CUCHARA MERC Open to all, so bring your instruments, dancing shoes, voices, and join the party!
F04	INTRODUCTION TO WHISTLE BEG JIM REMINGTON 2:30pm – 3:30pm FREE CUCHARA MERC An introductory class for people who have never played the whistle. Learn whistle types, playing basics and learn a simple tune. Whistles provided or bring your own.
F05	INTRODUCTION TO BODHRAN BEG KEVIN CRAWFORD 2:30pm – 3:30pm FREE CUCHARA MERC Learn how to position a bodhran, execute basic strokes, and get down to playing with some basic, solid technique. Bodhrans provided or bring your own.
C01	CONCERT: THE LADS AND A LASS AT THE DOG BAR ALL JESSE BURNS, ERIC THORIN, AND MARTY SMITH 4:30pm – 6:00pm \$35 DOG BAR CUCHARA Join us in the relaxed setting of Cuchara's Dog Bar for rousing songs, tall tales, and general merrymaking.
C02	CONCERT: IN CONCERT (ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY) ALL TADHG O'MEACHAIR AND JOANNA HYDE 7:30pm \$35 LA VETA MERCANTILE Join us for a fun evening of Celtic music with Joanna and Tadhg!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

F06	INTRODUCTION TO WHISTLE JIM REMINGTON 9:00am – 10:00am An introductory class for people who have never played the whistle. Learn whistle types, playing basics and learn a simple tune. Whistles provided or bring your own.	BEG FREE THEATER
W01	SESSION PLAYING PT. 1A MELODY JOANNA HYDE 9:00am – 10:30am Learn what it means to play a melody instrument in a session context. Topics covered will include building a set, creative transitions, adding harmony, session playing vs. performance, and understanding the meaning of a tune.	INT/ADV \$35 LA VETA MERCANTILE
W02	SESSION PLAYING PT. 1B RHYTHM TADHG O'MEACHAIR 9:00am – 10:30am Learn what it means to play a rhythm instrument in a session context. Topics covered will include building a set, creative transitions, adding harmony, session playing vs. performance, and understanding the meaning of a tune.	INT/ADV \$35 COMMUNITY CENTER
D01	DEMO: IRISH POETRY AND MUSIC BILL NEVINS 9:00am – 10:30am An exploration of Celtic poetry and song lyrics with attention to their origins in traditions and contemporary manifestations in song lyrics and tunes.	ALL \$35 LIBRARY
W03	BEGINNING IRISH DANCE SAMANTHA HARVEY 11:00am – 12:00pm Learn basic technique and a few simple dances from a jig to a reel, with bits of interesting info on Irish dance and its history sprinkled in-between.	BEG \$25 COMMUNITY CENTER
W04	GUITAR – BEYOND MAJOR AND MINOR – EXPLORING MODES PATRICK DOOCEY 11:00am – 12:30pm This class looks at some of the best approaches understanding and playing with modes when accompanying various traditional tunes.	INT/ADV \$35 MTHDST CHURCH, UL
W05	FLUTE - EXPANDING TECHNIQUE KEVIN CRAWFORD 11:00am – 12:30pm Attention is given to ornamentation, breathing, style and repertoire, while continuing to emphasize rhythm and phrasing in the music. Tunes will be taught by ear so bring a flute and a recording device.	INT/ADV \$35 THEATER
W06	FIDDLE – EXPANDING TECHNIQUE SEAN SMYTH 11:00am – 12:30pm For those with strong intermediate to advanced fiddle skills. Will address advanced technique, style, and interpretation.	INT/ADV \$35 MTHDST CHURCH, LL
W07	FIDDLE OISIN MACDIARMADA 1:00pm – 2:00pm Fiddle – Beg/Int Basic technique and tunes.	BEG/INT \$25 MTHDST CHURCH UL
D02	DEMO: THE WORLD ACCORDING TO LUNASA LUNASA 2:00pm – 3:30pm Learn about the magical world of Lunasa from touring to performing at home and abroad.	ALL \$35 THEATER

D03	DEMO: MOSTLY TRUE STORIES FROM IRELAND ALL JIM REMINGTON 3:00pm –4:00pm \$25 LIBRARY Just about everyone enjoys a good story. Experience the magic of story through Jim’s tales of his travels through Ireland.
F07	CONCERT: 6th STREET HOOLEY ALL OISIN MACDIARMADA, DAITHI GORMLEY, AND SAMANTHA HARVEY 5:00pm - 6:00pm FREE MINER’S PLAZA 6th ST, WALSENBURG Join us outside at Miner’s Plaza for a great afternoon of Celtic music.
C03	CONCERT: SCOTTISH NIGHT: ALASDAIR FRASER & NATALIE HAAS ALL AND THE OLD BLIND DOGS 7:00pm \$35 WASHINGTON SCHOOL, WALSENBURG Join us for an evening of outstanding Scottish music. This is sure to be an exciting evening!
LATE NIGHT SESSIONS (from 10:00pm to closing) IN WALSENBURG: CRAFTY CANARY IN LA VETA: LA VETA MERCANTILE	