A Dash of Saltire

Madison Scottish Country Dancers 36th Annual Ball Weekend March 15-17, 2013

Guest Artists

Madison Scottish Country dancers are pleased to present a weekend of music and dance, showcasing the talents of Calum Pasqua and Susie Petrov, who together form the ensemble *A Parcel of Rogues*.



Calum Pasqua, Scottish fiddler and Highland bagpiper, was the first American ever to win the Glenfiddich Scottish Fiddle Championship in Scotland (and the first American invited to compete at that prestigious event). He is also a US Scottish Fiddle Champion. Calum lives on Long Island, where he is Director of Strings at a Grammy Top 100 school for music programs.



Susie Petrov, who plays piano and accordion, is also an accomplished Scottish Country Dance teacher who has delighted audiences across the US, Canada and Europe. She considers Scottish music and dance to be closely linked, participatory activities that everyone can enjoy. Susie hails from the Boston area, where she teaches young people to sing and dance.

Calum and Susie have performed together since 2006, when Susie heard Calum play the winning set in the New England Regional Fiddle Championship. Not long after, Susie accompanied Calum to Scotland for his winning Sunday afternoon performance at the Glenfiddich Fiddle Competition at Blair Castle, in a packed hall festooned with tartan and stag antlers.

Calum and Susie have gone on to perform for balls, Celtic music festivals, summer camps and concert venues of all shapes and sizes, including a biker bar in Queens. They have two recordings to their credit, "That Pinewoods Sound" and "In Conversation." Calum and Susie are both professional music educators and between them have some 60 years of Scottish Country Dancing experience.

Special Events

The weekend festivities begin with a Friday evening concert featuring the best in Scottish music, old and new, with introductions to convey the richness of Scottish tradition.

Saturday's dance workshop, for dancers of all levels, will focus on the interaction of dance and melody. Susie and Calum will help participants enjoy the movements and the feel of how a tune interacts with the formations and figures of Scottish Country dancing.

Those attending the music workshop will learn what makes a tune sound Scottish. Players of all experience levels, instruments, and musical traditions are invited to make joyful noise together in Scottish style! Whether you learn by ear or by reading music, Calum and Susie hope you will come away with a feel for the idiom of Scottish music.

Schedule

Friday, March 15

8:00 pm Concert with Calum & Susie at Arboretum Co-Housing, 1137 Erin St, Madison, \$15 suggested donation.

Saturday, March 16

9:30 am - Dance workshop, Memorial Union Great Hall

12:30 pm 800 Langdon St.

1:30-3 pm Concurrent events:

Music workshop, Memorial Union, Old Madison

◆ Ball walk-through, Red Gym, 716 Langdon St.

5:30 pm Social half-hour with cash bar, Great Hall

6:00 pm Sit-down dinner

7:30 pm Grand March and Ball

After Ball party at a member's home

Sunday, March 17

10:00 am Potluck brunch at a member's home

Directions are available at http://madisonscottishcountrydancers.org Maps to party locations will be available at the Ball.