

Celtic Harmonies Festival

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Ellen Gibling

Ellen Gibling is a Canadian harpist and she started playing music when she was just five years old. "I am from Halifax, Nova Scotia, and started taking group piano lessons when I was five. I had musical training in school music classes, band, and choir, and later in private piano and harp lessons as a teenager. I went on to study classical harp at McGill and recently studied Irish Traditional harp at the University of Limerick."

As a traditional artist, she has been playing music for almost 15 years. "I've been playing traditional music since I was introduced to the Irish session scene in Montreal as a student around 2005."

While she knew that she always wanted to play music in some way shape or form, Ellen is open to different opportunities when it comes to her career. "It has always been an experiment! I know I always want to keep playing music in some capacity but I'm open to other career avenues. I have some training in technical theatre and am starting a millinery apprenticeship."

"I'll keep pursuing a music career as long as it remains sustainable and opportunities keep coming up!"

"A few years ago I was very fortunate to play a concerto with Symphony Nova Scotia in a youth orchestra alumni concert, that felt like a big project, but if I think back to times I felt happiest about my playing they are usually smaller moments of success. Like times when something unexpectedly beautiful comes up in performance with an ensemble, or when an audience member has a profound reaction to something they hear in a concert, or when something I've been working on for a long time finally clicks."

For Ellen, continuing to pursue a career in music all came down to discovery. "I have chosen to keep pursuing music because I really love the people I've met and the new experiences I've had through music. I find it endlessly fascinating and there is always something new and exciting to learn or listen to. Music is a very powerful communicator of emotion and connects people in so many interesting ways. It's also just simply a continual delight to participate in and I have so much fun teaching and playing."



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Second hand jewelry sale fundraiser to benefit CABMN youth programs in Mansonville



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The Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) in Pottton will be hosting a second hand jewelry, purse, scarf and miscellaneous sale at the Youth Centre (282 Rue Principale, Mansonville), on Saturday,



Oct. 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. to raise money for its weekly Youth Programs for youth ages 5 and up.

"We have had many donations come in over the summer," said Eleanor Cote, Youth Services Team Member. "The new donations add to the stock we have and this makes for a great sale full of both variety and bargains."

The fall sale always includes a large Bake Sale table animated by members of the Former Youth Involvement (FYI) group who are raising money each year for the Youth Centre's Annual Haunted House (a major event in October). The baking is donated and sold and this allows for new themes, decorations and treats to be purchased by the group of FYI volunteers who organize and animate this event. There is normally baking and canning items for sale so, if you are not a jewellery kind of person, stop by for some homemade treats of all kinds.

Thanks to the generosity of those who have donated jewellery, purses, scarves, movies, music and household items, the Jewellery Sale fundraisers have brought in over \$500 dollars each sale and therefore have raised thousands of dollars over the years for youth programs that include: dance, leadership, boxing, dance, crafts, sports and more...as well as for the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Chapter in existence in Pottton for over thirty years! This is a group that builds leaders and encourages community involvement.

"We always welcome more donations of items," said Ethan Ball who also works as a Youth Services Team Member at the Centre. "What one may find out of date is often seen as a vintage treasure to someone else," he added.

The Centre is not accepting clothing but is mainly looking for jewellery, purses, and scarves in good condition as well as small household items... If you have something to donate and would like it to be picked up, call the Youth Centre at 450-292-4886 or the CABMN Main Office at 450-292-3114. All donations of items are appreciated.

So, mark the date on your calendar folks! It is a great place to pick up stocking stuffers or something for you. Please share the date with family and friends as all are welcome at the Youth Centre. For more information visit www.cabmn.org



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