

REELING & ROARING TWENTIES

Madison Scottish Country Dancers
43rd Annual Ball Weekend • March 27-29, 2020

Madison Scottish Country Dancers invite you to usher in the new decade at our Roaring Twenties-themed ball. Join us for a swinging good time with the acclaimed New England father-son duo, Ed Pearlman, fiddle, and Neil Pearlman, piano. Melding Celtic music with flavors of jazz and Latin, they'll have you dancing the night away in ritzy, roaring style! As an added bonus, the duo will be joined for part of the program by Madison fiddler Dave Mullen of Sogan.

Based in Boston and Maine, Ed has been a pillar of the American Scottish music scene for over 30 years. While focusing on Scottish and Cape Breton styles, he also plays a variety of others, including American contradance music, Irish, bluegrass, and jazz. He has performed and taught throughout the USA, Canada and Scotland, working with almost every major name in Scottish and Cape Breton music.

Neil Pearlman grew up with this legacy and has infused it with jazz, Latin, and pipe band rhythms. A multi-instrumentalist, step dancer and host of the podcast TradCafe, Neil is known for his unique approach to the piano. Rooted in traditional Cape Breton styles, his playing incorporates jazz harmony and syncopations of funk, Cuban, and Brazilian dance music to create a unique and infectious sound. Neil tours and teaches in his own right, in the USA, Canada, Scotland and Galicia.



Weekend Overview

The ball highlights a splendid weekend of activities. You won't want to miss the Friday evening concert with Ed and Neil, showcasing Celtic music traditions, old and new. Highland and step dance demonstrations and a dessert buffet will also be featured.

Saturday's events begin with a morning step dance workshop with Neil—a chance to try this fun, percussive form of Celtic dancing with a master of the art. Two walk-throughs, geared for beginning and advanced dancers, will be offered in the afternoon. The day concludes with an evening social hour, dinner and ball in the Great Hall of UW Memorial Union (which opened in the 1920s, befitting to our theme). An after-ball party follows at a member's home. The weekend wraps up with a sumptuous Sunday morning brunch.

Schedule

Friday, March 27

7:30 pm Concert with Ed and Neil Pearlman, featuring Scottish fiddle and piano tunes, Highland and Cape Breton step dance demonstrations, and dessert buffet. Suggested donation \$15.

Bethany Evangelical Free Church, 201 Riverside Dr., Madison 53704
(parking behind church and on side streets)

Saturday, March 28

10:00 - 11:30 am Cape Breton Step Dance Workshop
Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10 N Whitney Way, Madison 53705
(entrance to parking & workshop on Langlois St)

11:30 am - 1:30 pm Lunch (on your own)

1:30 - 3:30 pm Beginner Walkthrough (1st year dancers)
Memorial Union, Beefeaters, 800 Langdon St, Madison 53706

1:30 - 3:30 pm Advanced Walkthrough
Memorial Union, Old Madison Room, 800 Langdon St, Madison 53706

5:00 pm Social Hour with Cash Bar, Memorial Union, Great Hall

6:00 pm Sit-Down Dinner, Memorial Union, Great Hall

7:30 pm Grand March & Ball, Memorial Union, Great Hall

midnight Post-Ball Potluck Party (maps available at the ball)

Sunday, March 29

10:00 am Potluck Brunch at a member's home (maps available at the ball)

Parking Near Memorial Union

State Street Campus Garage, 415 N. Lake Street
Helen C. White Garage (Lot #6), 600 N. Park Street

Real-time parking availability links at madisonscottishcountrydancers.org/ball