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### **Celtic Music Interpretive Centre Receives \$100,000 to launch endowment fund**

Judique - The Celtic Music Interpretive Centre Society (CMIC) is very pleased to announce that a generous gift of \$100,000 has been received from long-time supporter, and honorary board member, Tom Rankin, to launch our new endowment fund campaign. Mr. Rankin has also generously donated an additional \$100,000 to go towards the Celtic Music Interpretive Centre's year-round operations.

Fundraising efforts are ongoing to grow the endowment fund, which will provide long-term sustainability, less reliance on government grants, and allow CMIC to continue fostering the growth of Celtic music and culture on a year-round basis for all of Cape Breton. All money raised within the endowment will be invested with similar endowments at the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia to allow for maximum annual return.

We are very proud of the progress we have made, and all that we have accomplished over the last several years, and wish to thank the many supporters and visitors who have helped shape the Celtic Music Centre into what it is today. We look forward to continuing to provide quality entertainment and educational programming as well as collaborating with other cultural organizations in preserving and promoting our Gaelic culture locally, nationally and internationally for many years to come.

#### *About The Celtic Music Interpretive Centre:*

The Celtic Music Interpretive Centre Society is a not-for-profit registered charity with a mandate to "Collect, Preserve, and Promote the Celtic music of Cape Breton Island through Education, Research, and Performance". CMIC has consistently demonstrated its dedication to the traditional music of Cape Breton Island, its value to Cape Breton Island, both culturally and economically, and its value to the Nova Scotia tourism industry. In December 2013, the Nova Scotia Legislature named CMIC "The Official Celtic Music Centre of Nova Scotia".

CMIC offers a diverse and wide array of cultural programs and services to locals and visitors of all ages such as: Music and Gaelic language classes, a yearly fiddle camp, live music performances, interpretive music demonstrations, an interactive museum, music mentorship programs for youth, an archives and resource library, full service recording studio and publishing services for local musicians, a restaurant, gift shop promoting local products, a home for seniors club activities in the community, daily promotion of other local venues and events, employment for approximately 20 local people during the tourist season and so much more.

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