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**THE MAINE CELTIC CELEBRATION HOSTS  
ROBERT BURNS NIGHT IN BELFAST**

*Celebrate the 264th birthday of Scotland's most beloved storyteller,  
poet and lyricist, Robert Burns.*

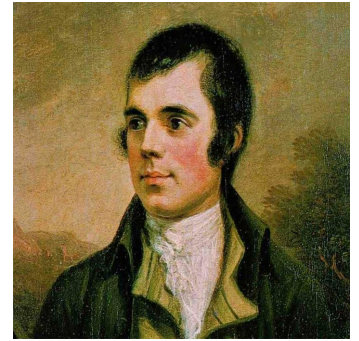
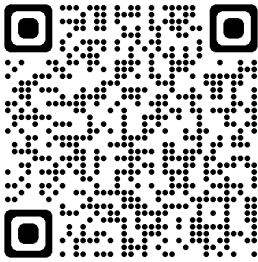
Belfast, Maine — December 14th, 2022 — The Maine Celtic Celebration, a family-oriented group devoted to honoring the rich Celtic heritage, culture, and hospitality found along the Coast of Maine, announces their annual winter event, Burns Night, to commemorate the 264th birthday of Scotland's most beloved storyteller, poet, and lyricist, Robert Burns. **The event is scheduled for Jan 28, 2023, at the Waldo County Shrine Club at 20 Northport Avenue in Belfast, Maine starting at 5 pm.** Attendees will be invited to enjoy a whisky tasting followed by hearty finger foods and an evening of poetry, panegyric, and musical performance.

Scotch tasters will tour through a range of single malt whiskies from different regions of Scotland. The evening program will feature traditional Highland piping, tunes and songs from Celtic lands, presentation of the haggis, toasts to the laddies and lassies, and more. Attendees are encouraged to put their Celtic pride on display. Don your kilts, display your clan tartan proudly, or polish up your speaking skills. Prizes will be awarded for best traditional dress and recitations of Burns' poetry. Burns' work can be found at [www.robertburns.org/works](http://www.robertburns.org/works) if you need inspiration.

Burns Nights are held across the globe to celebrate the contributions of Burns' work to preserving Scottish culture and heritage both in Scotland and abroad. These events range from stately, ostentatious gatherings of esteemed scholars and nobles to rowdy, raucous shindigs at local pubs. Ours will fall somewhere in between.



**Tickets for the event are available for purchase in advance or at the door for \$50.** Advance tickets can be purchased online at [2023 Robert Burns Night, www.mainecelebration.com](https://www.mainecelebration.com), or locally at Left Bank Books on Church Street in Belfast. Proceeds benefit the Maine Celtic Celebration and help us plan and grow our annual summer festival on the Belfast waterfront.



“In proving foresight may be vain:  
The best-laid schemes o' mice an' men  
Gang aft agley,  
An' lea'e us nought but grief an' pain,  
For promis'd joy!”

-- Robert Burns