

[FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE]: This year for our annual Winter Celtic Music Festival, the Celtic Society of Southern Maryland is happy to present Genticorum in afternoon workshops and evening concert on Saturday, 10 January 2009. The Celtic Society will be working with St. Mary's Ryken High School, Leonardtown, MD as a collaborative effort to present this event to the community.

Genticorum is a very talented, humorous, witty Québécois trio from Montreal, Canada. Their music is energetic, uplifting and even soulful – all sung in the Québécois French language, but prefaced always with an explicit translation in English. The three young men, Pascal Gemme (fiddle, feet, vocals), Alexandre de Grosbois-Garand (flute, bass, fiddle, vocals), and Yann Falquet (guitar, jaw harp, vocals) blend musical talents and personalities together beautifully. They have been honored with the Canadian Folk Music Award in 2005 for “Best Ensemble”, and recently nominated for “Best Traditional Album” for 2008 on their latest CD, “La Bibournoise”.

The diverse musical arrangements offered throughout Genticorum's concert will leave you mesmerized, amazed and finding it hard to believe that so much is coming from only three musicians. They are fast becoming one of the most sought-after exponents of Québécois musical culture, having now performed and toured across North America, Europe, Asia and Oceania – more than 15 countries in all. Genticorum members, in part and in whole, have also performed with Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas, and have become regular teaching staff for Alasdair's Sierra Nevada Fiddle Camp in California.

If you want to learn more before the workshop/concert, a Youtube or Google search will offer oodles more about this lively group, and of course, visit their website [www.genticorum.com](http://www.genticorum.com). We are so fortunate to have this opportunity to present them to you this year. More details are available at [www.cssm.org](http://www.cssm.org), email [fiddling@cssm.org](mailto:fiddling@cssm.org), or call 301-904-7303. Afternoon workshops will include fiddle/feet, flute/penny whistle, and guitar. As usual, seating will be limited for the workshops, so register early.



Genticorum – Alex de Grosbois-Garand (flute), Yann Falquet (guitar), and Pascal Gemme (fiddle)