

# SCÉAL ÉILE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE COOLEY-KEEGAN BRANCH OF COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN



## Chairman's Message



Happy St. Patrick's Day to all!!!

As we enter "The Season", heartiest congratulations to Mr. Jerry Boyle who has been elected the Grand Marshal of the 2016 St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festivities. Jerry is an avid, long-time supporter of Comhaltas, The Pearse and Connolly Fife and Drum Band and all things Irish. He has helped to make it possible for both our organizations to promote our Irish culture and traditions by providing music lessons to our youth.

Through his life-long support of the Irish Republican movement and as a member of the K.R.B. (Knights of the Red Branch) Jerry has sought to foster the peace process in Ireland. It is fitting that he will lead the celebrations of the 100th Anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising this year.

Mrs. Bridget Boyle has been a staunch member of CCE over the years. Daughters Mary Ann Folan and Noreen Heavey and their families were involved in the dancing and teaching-end of CCE since they were young members themselves. Jerry and Bridget instilled a deep respect and love of the Irish traditions in their children and grandchildren.

Jerry and his family will be celebrated at the Grand Marshal Dinner at the United Irish Cultural Center on Friday, February 26, 2016. The Cooley-Keegan Branch was one of the United Irish Society organizations nominating him. We will be taking a table at the Grand Marshal's dinner and invite you to join us. Tickets are \$80.00 (this is a fundraiser to aid the production of a very costly parade each year). Limit of 10 per table. Please contact Joannie (415 664-6579) to make reservations by the deadline of February 15th...first come, first served.



## Events this Month



**Comhaltas Night with Live Irish Music** - CCE typically hosts a night of set dancing at the UICC on the third Saturday of the month. The next event will be on February 20<sup>th</sup>. In March this will be replaced by the March Ceili on Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>. For April we are back on schedule on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Contact: Michael Riemer at [riemer@ce.berkeley.edu](mailto:riemer@ce.berkeley.edu).

**San Francisco** - On Thursdays, CCE hosts set dancing classes at the UICC starting at 7:30pm followed by more dancing at the Plough & Stars until midnight -- except for the first Thursday of the month when there is no class, just dancing at the Plough & Stars from 8-11pm. \$5 donation suggested. Contact: Josephine Brogan at [josephinebrogan@yahoo.com](mailto:josephinebrogan@yahoo.com) or 415-681-4803. **No set dancing on March 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**South Bay/Peninsula** - On Tuesdays (except for the third Tuesday of the month) we meet for set dancing at Lilly Mac's in Sunnyvale. Lessons: 7:30pm; Dance to live music 8-10pm. \$5 donation suggested. Info: Michael Murphy at 415-999-6062.

**North Bay** - Mary McDonagh and Micheal Minihane teach set dancing on the second and fourth Fridays of the month at Brosnan School of Irish Dance in San Anselmo from 7-9pm. **No Set Dancing on March 11<sup>th</sup>, see you at the parade on Saturday.** There is a \$5 donation suggested for this class. New venue: Redwood Cafe in Cotati on the first and third Wednesday nights from 7pm-9pm. Contact: Mary McDonagh at [cladaghdancer@gmail.com](mailto:cladaghdancer@gmail.com) or Micheal Minihane [michealminihane@yahoo.com](mailto:michealminihane@yahoo.com).

**East Bay** - Starry Plough in Berkeley hosts céilí dancing on Mondays. Lessons from 7-9pm and dancing to live music from 9-11pm. Contact: John Slaymaker at [rinnce.mor@gmail.com](mailto:rinnce.mor@gmail.com)

*See calendar page for address, phone number and web page for all venues.*



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## Song and Storytelling



The next Singing and Storytelling Seisiún will be hosted by Patrick & Elaine McEvoy on March 4<sup>th</sup>  
 251 Chestnut  
 Palo Alto  
 650-493-3773  
 swagman@swagman.com

The April seisiún will be on the 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Bill & Peri Frantz  
 16345 Englewood Ave.  
 Los Gatos, CA 95032  
 408-356-8506  
 frantz@pwpconsult.com

The May seisiún is on May 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Ellen Auriti  
 75 Vicente Road  
 Berkeley  
 510-981-0763  
 eauriti@gmail.com

Song seisiúns start at 7:30pm



## Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta



Coinnigh nóta den dáta seo!  
 18ú Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta San Francisco,  
 23-25 Meán Fómhair, 2016

Save the date!  
 18th San Francisco Irish Immersion Weekend,  
 September 23-25, 2016

Foirm chláraithe ar fáil anseo i Mí na Bealtaine.

Registration form available here in the month of May.

<http://onesourcegraphics.com/Gaeilge/>



CCÉ has a facebook group where we can share photos, ask questions and generally discuss all things Irish music and dance. In the search field at the top of your facebook page enter **Cooley-Keegan Branch**, select it from the list of choices and join the group.

Or, you can enter the following URL:  
[facebook.com/groups/316504905030686](https://www.facebook.com/groups/316504905030686)



## St. Patrick's Day Parade



The San Francisco St. Patrick's Day Parade is Saturday, March 12, 2016. The float needs to be built. Last year we had a large group come out to help so we got it done in record time!!

Float construction: Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 4pm (or whenever you can come) at Cunningham Moving and Storage: 1250 Van Dyke Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94124. We need all the hands we can get to help construct the float and then store it away again. Take down will be after the parade on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at Cunningham's.

If you are interested in dancing in the parade, please contact Connie Lynch at 707-318-9200 or [cerrydancer@juno.com](mailto:cerrydancer@juno.com). Note: You must be a current paid up member of Comhaltas to dance in the parade.

The Parade date is Saturday, March 12th, starting at 11:30am sharp, downtown San Francisco. Contacts on Parade Day: Connie Lynch: 707-318-9200; Josephine Brogan: 415-264-8856, Joannie O'Leary: 415-279-7359; Kasey Curtin: 707-280-1235.



## St. Patrick's Day Activities



See attached flyer for a list of St. Patrick's day activities.

Don't miss the UICC/Java Beach Block Party which features CCÉ-sponsored entertainment with Pat and Sean O'Donnell, Ceri Garfield and Gavin Bruce.



## Irish Language Class



Adult class: A new 8-week class will start will start on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the United Irish Cultural Center in San Francisco. Please contact Josephine Brogan: 415-681-4803 or [josephinebrogan@yahoo.com](mailto:josephinebrogan@yahoo.com) for further information.



Another online group where events are planned is [meetup.com](http://meetup.com) at the following URL:  
[meetup.com/irishdance](http://meetup.com/irishdance)



## General Meetings



General Meetings of the membership - contact Josephine Brogan for information:  
 415-681-4803 [josephinebrogan@yahoo.com](mailto:josephinebrogan@yahoo.com).



## Wren Boys 2015



The Cooley-Keegan branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann ends each year on a high note in the form of celebrating the Wren Boys tradition from Ireland. It has been that way since 1985, which makes it our 30-year anniversary! What separates 2015 from all the other successful Wren Boy celebrations?

For starters, despite having a multitude of regular events at the United Irish Cultural Center since the mid-70s, this year is the first time that the Wren Boys had ever paid a visit there. It helped us start out the night on the right foot. In addition to our seven roving musicians, Cormac Gannon and Kenny Somerville as well as many other musicians already in a seisiún there provided wonderful, lively music while we danced three figures from different sets. It was like dancing to an orchestra!

We carried on the smooth, lively momentum to our next spot, the Lundy's house, where it was jam-packed like it has been for the past 15 years! Seamus Lundy greeted us at the front door as always, and Micheal Minihaue was ready for his usual MC responsibility introducing performers and dances to be done. Seamus and his daughter Jamie provided moving recitations. A few singers sang old, familiar ballads, and Martin Howard once again gave us his twang of reels on his new Jew's harp. And let's not forget the former child prodigy and current dynamo, Sean O'Donnell, skillfully helping with the music for the dancers. We danced five figures there. A new record!

For the second year in a row, we were not able to dance at the Parkside Tavern because it was too crowded due to the growing popularity of St. Stephen's Day. But we still managed to recite the Wren verse; our musicians played jigs and reels on the stage; and Jeremy Friedenthal and Micheal Jones generously sang for the lively, buzzing crowd. And Parkside giving us shots of whiskey still made the visit worthwhile.

On the other end of the spectrum, we were able to stretch our legs in the outdoors on Cole Street in front of Katherine Scanlon's house. After a few figures, we went up and indulged in all of the nice sweets and refreshing drinks that Katherine had to offer. We ended our evening at the Plough and Stars where not only our Wren Boys musicians played a few figures from various sets, they also played for two complete set dances (Connemara and Baile Bhuirne) plus a nice waltz for us to dance "Glencree" Style!

Much credit and many thanks goes out to our musicians: Richard and Lynn Ferry, Chris Dillingham, Doug Lowder, David Chadwick, and newcomers Russ and Carlton. Much appreciation also goes out to our hosts: the officers and staff at the United Irish Cultural Center, Seamus and Maureen Lundy, Larry Doyle at Parkside Tavern, Katherine Scanlon, and the Plough and Stars. Of course, the dancers, singers and other participants on the Wren deserve much credit and many thanks as well. It would not be much of a burying of the Wren without them.

Next year, we hope to expand our publicity to get more people at Martin Mack's and the Plough and Stars and increasing the musical and dancing fun in the later hours after our break at Katherine Scanlon's. But it was a huge success, and I hope to see you all out on the Wren in 2016.

Your humble Servant, The Captain of the Wren,  
Michael Murphy.



## Seachtain na Gaeilge 2016 - Events for Gaeilge Week



Ceiliúradh Seachtain na Gaeilge SnaG Celebration Dé Domhnaigh (Sunday) March 6<sup>th</sup>, 4 to 8:30pm.  
Ionad (Venue): UICC - beidh muid sa bheár; we'll be in the bar area

Siamsaíocht agus Craic, Spraoí agus Ceoil! (Entertainment and Chat, Fun and Music)  
Do Chleas Cóisire Féin. abair piosa linn!! (perform your own 'party piece' as Gaeilge!)  
Foirne Tráth na gCeist (trivia teams) leibhéil Gaeilge measctha (mixed levels of Irish)  
Seisiún Ceoil agus Amhráin (as Gaeilge) Music and song session (songs in Irish)

Beidh ceapairí agus anraith ar fáil ann mar gréim bia (there will be sandwiches and soup for a bite to eat). Tá an imeacht saor in aisce, ach beidh muid buíoch as brontannais (the event is free, but we will be grateful for donations). Agus beidh bialann UICC ar oscailt chomh maith (and the UICC restaurant will be open too)

RSVP le bhur dtoil !!! Please RSVP: Nikki 510-881-0285 (nó tríd ríomhphoist, seo thíos or by email)

tuilleadh eolais, déan teagmháil le (more information, contact):

Cáit: [kcipolla@sonic.net](mailto:kcipolla@sonic.net) Bainisteoir

Imelda: [imelda\\_white@yahoo.com](mailto:imelda_white@yahoo.com) Bean an tí

Nikki: [cce\\_gaeilge@ccwest.org](mailto:cce_gaeilge@ccwest.org) Eolas faoin seisiún ceoil

Dé Domhnaigh (Sunday), March 13<sup>th</sup> 11.30am: Aifreann Gaeilge: le cór, rinceoirí & ceoltóirí, agus fáiltiú & seisiún ceoil ina dhiaidh. (Mass in Irish with choir, dancers, musicians; reception with music session follows).  
Ionad (Venue): St. Joseph's Church, 582 Hope Street, Mountain View. .



## Member News



Congratulations and best wishes to Patty Hoyt and David Wimpfheimer on their recent engagement. We wish you a long and happy life together.

Our Happiest wishes to Cathy & Harold Jones on their Valentine's Wedding Anniversary!!!!!! The youngest couple we know!!!

Sending get well wishes to Vince Keehan who underwent heart surgery recently. We wish him a speedy recovery.

We extend get well wishes to Vinny Cronin who had shoulder surgery recently. Hope you are back playing again soon.

Our sincere sympathy to Peg Buckley on the recent passing of her brother, Michael. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Our condolences to Frank and Mary McDonagh on the passing of Frank's brother, Anthony, in Ireland. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

We would like to express our sincere condolences to Pari Livermore on the recent passing of her husband, Putnam Livermore.

We extend deepest sympathy to Frank Rooney, our long time member and supporter, on the passing of his mother, Kathleen, in County Down on January 17, 2016. Mrs. Rooney was a spry, lively woman who enjoyed socializing with family, friends and neighbors around Rathfriland. She was an avid gardener, planting and reaping through the seasons, and she always looked forward to Frank coming home in the summer. Mrs. Rooney visited San Francisco with her daughter some years ago and was delighted to meet all of Frank's friends. She enjoyed all the sights, and, like Frank, she always had time for a chat and a cup of tea. May Kathleen rest in peace and may Frank and all her family be consoled with happy memories.

Yet another....passing of a longtime friend and member, Teresa Ford. Born in Donegal, small in stature but big on presence at Ceilís, Thursday night sets, Brian Cleary step dancing, she enjoyed all things Irish. Proud to be Irish, she loved the St. Patrick's Parade. In rain or shine, she was the first to greet us at Mission and First Streets to wave us on our way down Market Street, a huge smile on her face. Let you in on a little secret. Teresa always sent a "little something" for the Parade. She was very generous and no thanks were ever allowed.

It was fitting that Teresa was an LVN for her work, often bringing advice and latest items of aid to anyone she lent a sympathetic ear. So much so, her neighborhood dubbed her "Mother Teresa". Our sincerest sympathies to Mary, Jimmy and families. Teresa always left you with a "God Bless You". We do likewise.



## CCE Membership



Our Membership runs from January 1 to Dec 31st. Single Membership: \$40.00. Multi-membership (2 or more in household or a family): \$50.00. If you received your Scéal Eile by mail, a membership form is attached here for your convenience. Josephine will email those who received the Scéal Eile by email. Here are the ways you can renew:

- Renew online through our website and remit payment through PayPal: [sf.ccewest.org](http://sf.ccewest.org)
- Renew online through our website and send your check to our PO Box (we do not bill);
- Complete your membership form and either give it with your check or cash to Josephine at set dancing or mail it with your check to our PO Box.

If you have any questions, please contact Joannie at 415-664-6579 or [joannieoleary@msn.com](mailto:joannieoleary@msn.com); or talk with Josephine at dancing. Thank you for your support.

### **Share the Joy Please Help with Member Outreach!**

It's great to have new folks joining the dancing, but a lot of them don't even know that they could join CCE! If you are receiving and enjoying the Scéal Eile you are already a member -- think how much these newer folks would appreciate if you mentioned to them a little about CCE membership? Many don't know that CCE organizes and sponsors the dance lessons, the various dances at the UICC, the roster of callers at Thursday night dancing, the newsletter, classes and scholarships for kids, and much more. Please take a moment to mention CCE to the new folks at dance as we're sure they'd appreciate knowing how to get their own Scéal Eile! They can obtain membership forms online, or at set dancing from Judy Forrest or Josephine. Thanks!

# MÁRTA 2016

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**Bronsan School of Irish Dance** - 11 Belle Avenue, Suite B, San Anselmo, Ca 94960 [broshanschool.com](http://broshanschool.com)

**Lilly Mac's** - 187 S. Murphy Ave, Sunnyvale (between Washington and Evelyn Avenues) 1-408-732-0200 [lillymacs.com](http://lillymacs.com)

**Plough and Stars** - 116 Clement Ave. (Between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>), San Francisco, 1-415-751-1122 [theploughandstars.com](http://theploughandstars.com)

**Redwood Cafe** - 8240 Old Redwood Hwy, Cotati CA 94931 1-707-795-7868 [redwoodcafe.com](http://redwoodcafe.com)

**UICC** - United Irish Cultural Center - 2700 45<sup>th</sup> Ave. (At Sloat Blvd.), San Francisco, 1-415-661-2700 [irishcentersf.org](http://irishcentersf.org)

**Starry Plough** - 3101 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 1-510-841-2082 [starryploughpub.com](http://starryploughpub.com)

You can also visit the following website for events:

**San Francisco CCÉ - Cooley-Keegan Branch** - [sf.ccewest.org](http://sf.ccewest.org)



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## 2016 ST. PATRICK'S DAY ACTIVITIES

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2016**

**GRAND MARSHAL DINNER**

**6 PM No Host Cocktails - 7 PM Dinner**

**\$80 per person**

*United Irish Cultural Center - 2700 45th Avenue*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016**

**2:00 PM ST. ANNE'S LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR**

*300 Lake Street at 3rd Avenue*

**FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2016**

**10:00 AM FLAG RAISING**

**CO-HOSTED BY THE HONORABLE MAYOR EDWIN M. LEE**

**AND THE UNITED IRISH SOCIETIES OF SAN FRANCISCO**

*City Hall Rotunda*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016**

**HONORING COMMODORE JOHN BARRY**

**10:00 AM VETERANS RETIREMENT HOME**

*4150 Clement Street at 42nd Avenue*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016**

**9:00 AM LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL**

**10:00 AM MASS**

*Laguna Honda Blvd. and Woodside Drive*

**2:00 PM ALMA VIA RETIREMENT HOME**

*1 Thomas More Way*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016**

**9:00 AM ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS**

**Reception in Parish Hall**

*St. Patrick's Church, 756 Mission St. at 3rd Street*

**11:30 AM ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE & FESTIVAL**

*2nd and Market Streets to Civic Center*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016**

**45TH AVENUE BLOCK PARTY**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016**

**FR. PETER C. YORKE DAY**

**10:00 AM MASS - ALL SAINTS MAUSOLEUM**

*HOLY CROSS CEMETERY, 1500 MISSION RD., COLMA*

**DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED**

**ROBERT EMMET DAY**

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**COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN  
THE COOLEY-KEEGAN BRANCH**

# ***ST. PATRICK'S CÉILÍ***

***JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND DANCING***

**WHEN: SUNDAY, MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

**WHERE: UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CENTER**  
2700 45th Avenue/Sloat Blvd, San Francisco

**TIME: 7.00 PM TO 10 PM**

**LIVE MUSIC: TBD**

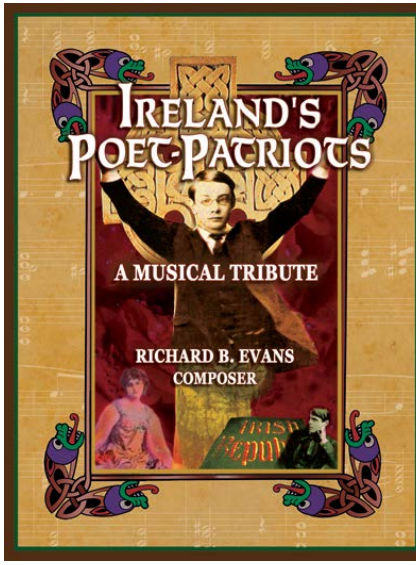
**ADMISSION: Adults: \$10.00. Children: FREE**

*For Information, contact Josephine Brogan (415) 681-4803 or  
[josephinebrogan@yahoo.com](mailto:josephinebrogan@yahoo.com)*

*Please visit our website at : <http://sf.ccewest.org>*



THE FOLLOWING ARE “FOR YOUR INFORMATION” ITEMS AND MAY BE OF INTEREST. They are not Comhaltas events, but include participants with whom we collaborate during other events.



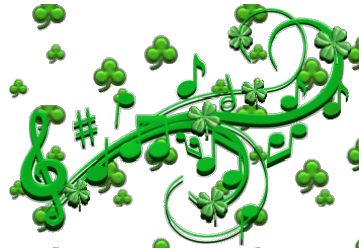
## IRELAND'S POET-PATRIOTS

*Celebrates the 100th Anniversary of  
"The Proclamation of the Irish Republic"!*

- An American musical tribute to Ireland's culture and history
- Sponsored in part by the Irish Consulate General of San Francisco
- Premieres April 22nd, 2016 at 8pm at SF's Grace Cathedral
- 5 Vocal Soloists, the "Celtic Voices" Chorus, Irish "Trad" Ensemble & Orchestra
  - Singing stirring poems and writings by ten great Irish poet-patriots - Padraig Pearse, W.B. Yeats, Maude Gonne, Francis Ledwidge and more
- Composed by Richard B. Evans, Conducted by Maestro Kim Allen Kluge
- This non-profit event will benefit the Irish Immigration Pastoral Center
- Additional performances in Washington DC and Chicago during 2016

Website: [www.IrelandsPoetPatriots.com](http://www.IrelandsPoetPatriots.com)  
Email: [info@IrelandsPoetPatriots.com](mailto:info@IrelandsPoetPatriots.com) Phone: (415) 272-5963

The above event takes place at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco and features the "Irish Voices Choir" see website or call the above phone number for details and tickets.



Here is another event:

CHIEF FRANCIS O'NEILL  
2nd Annual Irish Music Festival  
Tiburon, California - February 26 & 27, 2016



Francis O'Neill, 1848 – 1936, is considered by Irish scholars, Irish musicians and by the Irish government as “The Man Who Saved Irish Music”. He is widely recognized by all who play Irish traditional music as the authentic source for Irish music through his collecting, preserving and publishing books of the largest selection of Irish music still in use today.

<http://www.oneillirishmusicfestival.org/festival-information>



## Set Dancing



### **Mondays:**

- Starry Plough in Berkeley: Céilí dancing on Mondays. Lessons from 7-9pm and dancing to live music from 9-11pm. Contact: John Slaymaker (rinnce.mor@gmail.com)

### **Tuesdays:**

- Lilly Mac's in Sunnyvale (except for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday). Lessons: 7:30pm; Dance to live music 8-10pm. \$5 suggested to support the live music. Contact: Michael Murphy (415-999-6062)

### **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays:**

- Redwood Cafe in Cotati.  
Contact: Mary McDonagh (cladaghdancer@gmail.com), Micheal Minihane (michealminihane@yahoo.com)

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday:** Plough and Stars in San Francisco at 8pm. Music by the Shannon Céilí Band. \$5 suggested to support the live music.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> through last Thursdays:**

- Lessons at the United Irish Cultural Center (UICC) in San Francisco at 7:30pm in the bar area. Taped music:
- Plough and Stars in San Francisco at 9:30pm.  
Live traditional music featuring Topsy House, Emperor Norton Céilí Band and other fine bands.  
Dancers are encouraged to contribute \$5 to support the live music.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays:**

- Brosnan School of Irish Dance in San Anselmo: From 7-9pm. There is a \$5 donation suggested for this class.  
Contact: Mary McDonagh (cladaghdancer@gmail.com), Micheal Minihane (michealminihane@yahoo.com)



## Seisiún



**Seisiún:** - Sundays and Tuesdays starting at 8:30 at the Plough and Stars, various hosts.

**Song and Storytelling Seisiún:** Held on the first Friday of each month, See **Song and Storytelling** section for details..

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