



Reel Union is a real union of Celtic Music (Irish Traditional Music) Masters and they will play Sept. 1 in the Soreng Theatre at the Hult Center. (See article.)

Celtic Music at the Hult Ireland's Reel Union

World class Celtic (Irish traditional style) music is coming Thursday, Sept. 1, 1983, to the Hult Center for the Performing Arts. Ireland's Reel Union will perform in the Soreng Theatre at 8:30 pm. Reel Union features Dolores Keane, John Faulkner, Jackie Daly and Jackie Small. Their Eugene concert is co-sponsored by The Eugene Folklore Society and KLCC radio.

In addition to their recordings as soloists, these artists have an extensive discography with some of Ireland's most renowned groups. Dolores Keane and Jackie Daly were founding members of *DeDanann*. Dolores has also recorded with *The Chieftains* and more recently has worked with the group *Planxty*.

"John Faulkner started singing with Ewan MacColl's folk-song study group, *The Critics*, in the sixties," comments Tom Mitchell, host of KLCC's Celtic traditional program *Mist Covered Mountain*. "He is now considered one of the top ballad singers in the British Isles."

Dolores Keane is one of the leading Irish female vocalists in the world. It's a treat that we're able to host musicians of this caliber here in Eugene."

"Their music is authentic but quite varied—certainly not just jigs and reels, although Jackie Daly is a fine button accordion player. Dolores and John bring a rich approach to the song repertoire, and their albums *Broken Hearted I'll Wander* and *Farewell to Eirinn* feature some of the best renditions I know for Irish emigration songs from the 19th century."

Jackie Small, like Dolores from Galway, Ireland, was a standout for his uilleann pipe playing with the band *Aengus*. Small also plays fiddle, whistle, concertina, and mandolin.

Jackie Daly, from Kanturk in county Cork, built a reputation as a button accordionist by the age of 10. He recently recorded an album on the Green Linnet label with Portland fiddler Kevin Burke.

Mitchell says that his and other Celtic radio programs are emerging for several factors. First, he notes a resurgence of the popularity and innovation of Celtic style music coming from Ireland and the other British Isles.

"It's a roots oriented movement, although the resurgence of groups like the *Bothy Band* in the seventies were a catalyst. Until lately the American public has only had the 'fluff' of Irish music available. But millions of Americans are of Irish descent, and the traditional music has a cultural strength and deep appeal coming out of the struggles and aspirations of the people."

Mist Covered Mountain, aired Sunday at 9 am on KLCC 89.7 FM, will feature songs from the Reel Union artists on both August 21 and 28. Tickets for the Sept. 1 concert are available at the Hult Center ticket office and other outlets.

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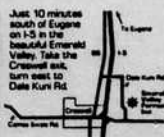
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