



Irish Festival



Green Light for 1986 Cultural Programs

The Legends of Irish Music, a traditional Celtic program featuring instrumental and vocal musicians from Ireland, will be featured as one of a series of five traditional events coordinated by the Eugene Irish Culture Festival as part of the 4th Annual Eugene-Springfield Irish Festival.

Scheduled for 8:30 p.m. on Monday, St. Patrick's Day, March 17 at the Soreng Theatre, Hult Center, the Legends concert will feature Kevin Burke, Andy Irvine, Jackie Daly, and Gerry O'Beirne.

Other traditional events during the four-day festival include a free children's program in the Hult Center lobby from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 15; a poetry, drama, and pub music program at deFrisco's on Saturday at 8 p.m.; an Irish Cabaret program in the lobby of the Hilton on Sunday afternoon; and a concert and Celtic dance at the Community Center for the Performing Arts (WOW Hall) at 8 p.m. on Sunday evening.

Legends of Irish Music

As leading figures in ground-breaking bands, Kevin Burke (The Bothy Band), Andy Irvine (Planxty), and Jackie Daly (DeDanann) helped pave the way for the unprecedented popularity of Celtic music in this country. Along



Tom McCreesh headlines deFrisco's night of poetry, drama and music on Saturday.

trademark ornamentation technique has continued to evolve throughout his career. "My style is a definite composite. The old Sligo players provided the building blocks, but I've borrowed bits and pieces from all sorts of musicians along the way."

Vocalist Andy Irvine along with Cristy Moore provided leadership to the group Planxty. A devotee of American folk hero Woody Guthrie, Andy is skilled on guitar and harmonica as well as more exotic instruments like the mandolin, bouzouki, and hurdy-gurdy. After an

United States as a member of Kinvara with Dolores Keane and John Faulkner. His recent discography includes Eavesdropper, a duet album with Kevin Burke, and Buttons and Bows, with the McGuire Brothers.

Gerry O'Beirne, who last appeared at the Hult Center in 1984 with Kevin Burke, is a guitarist and vocalist from County Clare. Gerry's eclectic musical talent includes both traditional ballads and original compositions.

The Legends of Irish Music concert marks the first time all four musicians have toured together in America. The first half will feature two duet sets—one by Andy and Gerry and the other by Kevin and Jackie. The second half will spotlight the quartet and will feature new songs by Andy as well as tunes arranged by the group.

Festival Children's Program

A free Children's Story Program followed by a Children's Irish fiddle music workshop will be held from 12 to 3 in the Hult Center lobby, Eugene. The general entertainment program, open to all children, will be from 12 to 1. The fiddle workshop (students must have two years' experience or consent of instructors) will take place from 1 to 3 p.m.

Drama and Poetry

On Saturday Evening a program entitled "The Poetry, Drama, and Music of Ireland," modeled after last year's hit festival program, will start at 8 p.m. at deFrisco's in the Atrium Building, Eugene. Fiddler and balladeer Tom McCreesh, dramatist Jane VanBoskirk, and musicians Chico Schwall and Janet Mikesell Naylor will be featured along with folklorists Tom Lynch and Michael MacDonald. Admission is free.

McCreesh has performed widely in Europe and America and has recorded five albums. He has been featured nationally on A Prairie

Home Companion and at both the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics and the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

VanBoskirk and Schwall will perform "A Scene from the Life of Mother Jones," written by playwright Dorothy Velasco of Springfield.

Irish Cabaret

On Sunday, March 16, an Irish Cabaret will be held as an after-parade party at the Eugene Hilton. Both Irish-American and traditional Irish entertainment will be featured.

Irish Dancing Featured

Also on Sunday, March 16, Eugene Celtic bands Sailor's Bonnet and Flying Haggis will perform at the Community Center for the Performing Arts, 291 West 8th, Eugene, beginning at 8 p.m. The bands will be joined by The Heather and The Rose Country Dancers, who will teach and demonstrate dances of Ireland, Scotland, and England.

Sailor's Bonnet members say their inspiration comes from the ceildh bands on both sides of the Atlantic who pioneered in recording Irish dance music in the 1920's and 1930's. The group strives to recreate the melodic clarity and the spirited drive of these traditional Irish dance bands in combination with a traditional vocal repertory.

The group features Linda Danielson, fiddle; Chico Schwall, guitar, mandolin, banjo, flute, penny-whistle, harmonica and vocals; and Gregory Field, guitar and vocals.

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Flying Haggis will perform songs of Scottish poet Robert Burns as well as Celtic reels and strathspreys.



Gerry O'Beirne



Kevin Burke

Members of Flying Haggis are Doug Daniels, guitar; Linda Danielson, fiddle; Janet Mikesell Naylor, harp; and Jan Reed, recorders, hurdy-gurdy, bodhran and vocals.

The Heather and The Rose Country Dancers performance team, in costume, will demonstrate selected dances of the Irish, Scottish, and English countryside. No partner is required for the audience participation dances, which will be taught and called by Chuck Ryer and Dorothy Jackson.

For a more complete listing of Irish Festival events for 1986, please see the Festival Calendar in this issue. For further information on these and other Festival events call 343-8043 or 485-3882.



Sailor's Bonnet performs Irish ceildh band music, at the Community Center for the Performing Arts, Sunday, March 16th.

with renowned accompanist and record producer Gerry O'Beirne, they have continued to expand their audience in recent years with various touring ensembles and album projects.

Kevin Burke is well known in America for his work with the Bothy Band and his personal appearances with guitarist Micheal O'Domhnaill. A master of the Sligo style of Irish fiddling, Kevin's

acclaimed partnership period with guitarist Paul Brady, Andy embarked on a solo career that has included album projects with DeDanann and Dick Gaughan in addition to new Planxty recordings and a solo album. The concert will mark Andy Irvine's first Eugene appearance.

Irish button accordianist Jackie Daly is co-founder of DeDanann. More recently he has toured the



Flying Haggis features the balladry of Robert Burns at CCPA, Sunday.

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