

# WOW Hall will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with two concerts

Two bands, Kila and Skye, headline St. Patty's WOW Hall shows

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WOW Hall will present modern Celtic dance music and a taste of the old country in two concerts next week.

Kila, a modern Irish dance band which has been called "the future of Irish music," will perform Sunday, March 15. Skye, a traditional Irish folk band, will play at the seventh annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Pub Night on Tuesday, March 17.

"Kila is a dance show and Skye is more of a sit-down show," said Bob Fennessy, publicist for the Community Center for the Performing Arts. "We are extremely impressed with Kila — their CD is exciting and original," he said.

WOW Hall was able to book Kila for the Eugene show because the band is in the United States headlining the San Francisco Celtic Festival, which will be broadcast on National Public Radio. Kila is touring the United States in support of its second record "Tog e go bog e." The album has gone gold in Ireland and has been critically acclaimed worldwide.

Folk Roots magazine has called Kila's sound "wild, compulsive, Celtic Dance Music." Sarah McQuaid of The Living Tradition magazine in the U.K. wrote, "Kila have a forceful

presence and reckless energy that are already a force to be reckoned with."

Two of Kila's members, Ronan O'Snodaigh and Lance Hogan, have toured and recorded with Dead Can Dance, a popular new-age group. The Dublin band's mostly instrumental Gaelic dance music uses electric and acoustic guitars, fiddle, flute, mandolin, tin whistle, uilleann pipes and other traditional Irish instruments.

For concert-goers whose tastes lean more toward the nostalgic ballad-and-beer style of Celtic music, Skye will also be playing at WOW Hall.

KLCC Radio is welcoming the groups to WOW Hall in conjunction with the Community Center for the Performing Arts.

"We're happy to welcome the bands and hope that people have a good time," said Michael Canning, KLCC radio music director. KLCC is the only station in Eugene that has an entire show dedicated to Celtic music (Mist Covered Mountains, Sundays from 10 a.m. to noon).

Show time for Kila's show is 8:30 p.m., and Skye will perform at 8 p.m. Tickets for both shows are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Advance tickets for both events are available at WOW Hall and the EMU Main Desk.

WOW Hall is located at the corner of 8th Avenue and Lincoln Street in Eugene.

Both shows are open to all ages.



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Kila, a modern Irish dance band, will perform at WOW Hall on March 15 at 8:30 p.m.



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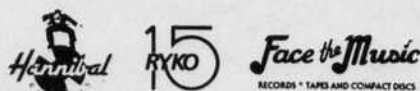
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