



IRISH SPIRIT

The St. Patrick Society Quad Cities, USA
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Late Summer 2007

Join us for ERIN FEIS 2007

Experience the spirit of Ireland for a day! Bring your family and friends together to enjoy exceptional Irish music, traditional step and ceili dancing, Red Hair & Freckles Contest and great food. With Irish cultural displays, unique Irish and Celtic items for sale and a special kids activity area, there is something for all ages. A few surprises are in store this year, including three new bands on the outdoor stage. So, come for the craic (Gaelic for "fun") - its a "half way to St. Patrick's Day" party not to be missed! And don't forget to pick up a special new Erin Feis T-shirt to remember the day!



Gates Open: 10 am - Admission: \$6.00 Wee Folks- Kids under 12 - FREE

EVENT SCHEDULE

DANCE STAGE

- 11:00 - 12:00 Unity Mass
1:15 - 2:15 Mullane Irish Dance Academy (mullanedancers.com)
2:30 - 3:30 Red Hair & Freckles Contest
3:55 - 4:55 Mullane Irish Dance Academy
5:00 - 5:10 Kids Parade with Dr Kirk Witherspoon
5:15 - 5:45 Mullane Irish Dance Academy

MUSIC STAGE

- 12:15 - 1:15 Blackthorn Stick
1:35 - 2:35 The Larkin & Moran Brothers (celticratpack.com)
2:55 - 3:55 SullivanBurton (sullivanburton.com)
4:00 - 4:15 Clan Awards Presentation - Hughes Family
4:15 - 5:15 The Larkin & Moran Brothers
5:35 - 6:35 SullivanBurton
6:55 - 7:30 The Larkin & Moran Brothers followed by Grand Prize Drawing

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- 12:30 - 4:00pm Children's Activities - West Plaza - Jumping Balloon, Games, Face Painting, Sports Challenges, Bracelet-making, prizes (\$3)
2:00 - 4:00 Irish social dancing with the Quad City Ceili Club inside RIBCO. Dance to live traditional music by Blackthorn Stick. Stop in & learn a few steps. Dances taught and called by Gerry Bade. All are Welcome.
ALL DAY Irish Cultural Exhibits /Irish Soda Bread sale, St. Patrick Society Memorabilia, Shamrock Imports, Beer & Pop, Grilled foods & homemade Irish Stew catered by **Kelly's Irish Pub & Eatery**

WIN A TRIP TO IRELAND!

- Raffle chances just \$1.00 - Enter to win \$1,500 towards an Ireland trip or \$1,000 cash
- Many more prizes & gift baskets awarded throughout the day
- Prizes include jewelry, dinners, hotel stays, Irish merchandise, gift certificates, etc.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

Proceeds from Erin Feis fund the St. Patrick's Day Grand Parade & Weekend. If you enjoy the Grand Parade and Weekend events, please support this important Society fundraiser.



Mullane Irish Dance Academy

These gifted young dancers exude a charm and infectious energy that always equals a show-stopping performance to energize the crowd. Under the skillful direction of Chicagoan, Mike Mullane, and several talented local instructors, the program continues to grow and evolve, showcasing a spectacular display of talent. For more visit: www.mullanedancers.com



Quad City Ceili Club

The Club invites Feis goers to join them for some lively Irish Social dancing inside RIBCO and at any of their regular sessions at the Knights of Columbus in Davenport. For Ceili Club info, log on to: www.qcceiliclub.org.



MORE ERIN FEIS DETAILS

Raffle - The grand prize is \$1,500 toward an Ireland trip or \$1,000 if the winner opts for cash. Tickets have been mailed to all members. Please be sure all tickets are turned in to committee chairs, **Jack & Connie Pond**. You may return the stubs, along with a check to:

St. Patrick Society
PO Box 4487
Davenport, IA 52808

Raffle prizes and gift baskets will be awarded throughout the day. Winners need not be present to claim their prize. Dinners, gift certificates, and hotel stays are just a few of the great prizes. If you wish to donate a prize, please contact **Kevin or Laurie Day** at (309) 787-1166.

Volunteers - We need lots of helping hands to ensure a successful Erin Feis. It's fun and it only takes a few hours. All volunteers are also invited to a post-Feis party held later in the fall. One particular area looking for help is the gates. Call **Debbie Feeney** at 563-386-9132 if you're interested. Contact **Jolene Whittemore** at 563-391-1904 for other volunteer opportunities.

Red Hair & Freckles Contest

The judged contest is open to children in three age groups: 1-4 years, 5-8 years, and 9-12 years. Registration will begin a half hour before the competition, with judging taking place at 2:30 pm on the Dance Stage. To enter a child in the contest, fill out and clip the form and present it at registration.



Support the Irish Memorial Project Today!

A Note from Memorial Committee:



We remain confident our Irish Memorial Project will happen. However, we cannot execute the proposal with Quad City Arts (the project facilitator) until we have more contributions in hand.

Please consider being part of this worthwhile and lasting memorial to those Irish women, men and children who arrived here long ago.

Your immediate attention to this plea will be most appreciated. Remember, a contribution of no less than \$300 will be acknowledged at the memorial site. Please make your check payable to the St. Patrick Society-MEMORIAL.

The St. Patrick Society is a 501 (c) 3, not-for-profit organization. For information, call **John Scally** at 309-788-2341, **Pat Burke** at 563-359-8016, or **Shelley Sheehy** at 563-343-5699. Please stop by the Memorial Table display

at Erin Feis to learn more about this wonderful project and how you can have your family's name on piece of history for future generations.



SPS Special Events

All members are invited to enjoy these upcoming fall events:

September 22 - St. Ambrose vs. St. Francis football - a much-anticipated game between two top ranked teams. Brady Street Stadium at 1pm.

November 11- Veterans Day Parade in Downtown Davenport.

Please call Leo Kilfoy at 391-6549 for details.



Co-existence Exhibit Multicultural Festival

The Society is participating in this event with other area cultural groups on September 9 at LeClaire Park in Davenport from 1-5pm. Enjoy ethnic foods, crafts, entertainment, and displays. Stop by the SPS table and say hello! If you are interested in helping out, please call Sara Brewster at 563-528-0416.



Society Meetings

Reminder: All members are welcome and encouraged to attend our General Meetings, held at the Knights of Columbus in Davenport at 7:30 pm. Bring a friend and get involved!

2007

Oct. 15-Board only
Nov. 12-Board only

2008

Jan. 28-General
April 14-General

ERIN FEIS RED HAIR & FRECKLES CONTEST REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Age 1-4 yrs 5-8 yrs 9-12 yrs

ENTERTAINMENT 2007



The Larkin & Moran Brothers



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Making their Erin Feis debut, this "band of brothers", also known as the "Celtic Rat Pack" hails from Chicago.

Veteran performers on Chicago's thriving Irish music scene and at traditional venues and festivals around the Midwest, their stirring music and passionate performing have earned them a well-deserved reputation as a crowd pleaser.

Playing a hard driving mix of traditional and original tunes, influenced by Shane MacGowan, The Clancy Brothers, The Pagues, The Dubliners and The Saw Doctors, the group has four CD's to their credit. The band mates include:

Dan Larkin - The oldest and driving force (Which is a kind way of saying he bosses the rest of us around, says brother, Mike.) Dan plays guitar and sings.

Mike Larkin - Mike plays a little of everything, mostly the bodhrán, sings and tells a joke or two.

Joe Larkin - Two words describe brother Joe - raw energy. Joe plays harmonica, guitar and lends a lead vocal on a song or two.

Terry Moran - Terry is a talented session veteran who plays the mandolin, tin whistle and banjo. When he's not doing that he's sleeping or singing.

Kevin Moran - Terry's younger brother, Kevin's the newest member of the band and provides a deep rich bass to their sound.

Shay Clarke, a writer for the Irish American News, says, "I have always enjoyed the Larkin and Moran Brothers. They have a sense of fun and energy onstage that is rare these days...They are five mad lunatics." And "They're great singers," says Bobby Clancy of The Clancy Brothers.

For more information, visit www.celticratpack.com.



SullivanBurton



(Yes! It's all one word!)

A self-described, "cheeky Irish trio", this will be SullivanBurton's first Erin Feis appearance.

The music of this Peoria-based group, performing together since 2003, includes both traditional and contemporary Irish/Celtic, colored and tempered with the unavoidable influences of growing up in American pop culture. They describe the fusion as "Celtic/American/Urban/Folk in nature." Band members include:

Bruce Burton - Lead vocals, guitar, banjo, mandolin, bouzouki, bodhrán fiddle

Tom Jones - bodhrán, whistles, percussion, vocals and djembe, [pronounced "jem bay" - a goblet-shaped hand drum]

Shannan Sullivan - Fiddle/violin, keyboards, vocals

Their musical versatility, skillful execution and creative arrangements of traditional Irish songs have delighted crowds at pub venues and festivals, including Peoria Erin Feis, Celtic Fest Chicago and the Celtic Highland Games.

Their latest CD, "Monkey Bars", has been described by Tom Nelligan of Dirty Linen Magazine as "an energetic acoustic/electric mix of largely Irish material that goes beyond the

usual pub standards, with crisp playing and strong singing and a good mix of the sensitive and the silly."

For more information, visit www.sullivanburton.com.



Blackthorn Stick



This local area traditional Irish band is appearing for the second time at Erin Feis. This year, they will also perform on the outdoor music stage and again inside RIBCO for some traditional Irish social dancing.

Guy Drollinger, (Iowa City) plays fiddle and mandolin, has played with "Stones in the Field" celtic band and currently with the "Quad Cities Ceili Band". He also performs in a duo called "Fiddlers Green", as well as with his daughters, both accomplished violinists and fiddlers. Guy was named as a Master Fiddler for the Iowa Arts Council's Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program.

Keith Reins, (Iowa City) plays guitar, is the son of a former big band saxophonist who began his musical life at the age of five. Over the past 30 years he has played bluegrass, old time, classic country, country blues, American folk songs, and most recently, traditional Irish music. He has played with "Stones in the Field" and currently plays with "The Beggermen" and the "Quad Cities Ceili Band".

Jon Cooper, (Port Byron) plays the uilleann pipes and pennywhistle. He began playing in 1998 under the guidance of master piper and pipe maker, Tim Britton of Fairfield, Iowa. His development as a traditional Irish musician owes a lot to the encouragement and support of talented folk in the Eastern Iowa area. He also plays with the "Quad Cities Ceili Band".

All of these guys can be found at Mac's Tavern in Davenport on the first Saturday of the month for a traditional Irish music session from 1 - 4 pm.