



IRISH SPIRIT

The St. Patrick Society Quad Cities, USA

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Late Summer 2008

Bring the whole family to ERIN FEIS 2008

Experience the spirit of Ireland for a day! Bring your family and friends together to enjoy exceptional Irish music, traditional step and ceili dancing, great food. With Irish cultural displays, unique Irish and Celtic items for sale and special games and contests throughout the day, there is something for all ages. Three grand bands will entertain us on the music stage this year. So, come for the craic (Gaelic for "fun")!

ST. PATRICK SOCIETY QCA

SEPT. 21st SUNDAY

ERIN FEIS
A FAMILY FESTIVAL
11AM-8PM

The District Rock Island

24th YEAR

Proceeds from Erin Feis fund the St. Patrick's Day Grand Parade weekend events.



EVENT SCHEDULE

Gates Open: 10 am ♦♦♦ Admission: 12 and older \$7.00; Wee Folks (kids under 12) – FREE

♦♦♦ DANCE STAGE ♦♦♦

11:00 - 12:00	Unity Mass
1:15 - 2:15	Mullane-Healy-O'Brien Irish Dance Academy
2:30 - 3:30	Red Hair & Freckles Contest - NEW! For Adults too! (Sign up at table near stage)
3:45 - 4:45	Mullane-Healy-O'Brien Irish Dance Academy

♦♦♦ MUSIC STAGE ♦♦♦

12:15 - 1:15	Quad Cities Céili Band
1:35 - 2:35	The Larkin & Moran Brothers
2:55 - 3:55	Donnybrook
4:00 - 4:15	Clan Awards Presentation - Hughes Family strikes again!
4:15 - 5:15	The Larkin & Moran Brothers
5:35 - 6:35	Donnybrook
6:55 - 7:30	The Larkin & Moran Brothers
7:30 - 7:45	Grand Prize Drawing

♦♦♦ West Plaza ♦♦♦

12:30-4:00 ♦ Children's Activities: Jumping Balloon, Games, Face Painting, Sports Challenges, Bracelet-making, PRIZES! **NEW! Guitar Hero Contest** sponsored by Video Games, Etc. One time, \$3 charge for Children's Games; \$1 charge for Guitar Hero.

12:00-7:00 ♦ Shamrock Imports (Irish Clothing, jewelry, gifts, etc. for sale.)

♦♦♦ East Plaza ♦♦♦

12:00-7:00 ♦ St. Patrick Society Memorabilia (SPS clothing, gifts, etc. for sale)

♦ SPS Raffle Ticket Sales \$1 chance for Grand Prize trip to Ireland!

♦ Beer & Pop sales

♦ Grilled foods & homemade Irish Stew catered by **Kelly's Irish Pub & Eatery**

♦ Sweets Vendor by Davis Concessions

♦♦♦ Inside RIBCO ♦♦♦

2:00-4:00 ♦ Irish Social Dancing with the Quad City Ceili Club. Dances taught and called by Gerry Bade. No experience necessary! All are Welcome

♦♦♦ Inside 2nd AVE (next to RIBCO) ♦♦♦

12:00-7:00 ♦ Irish Cultural Exhibits. Stop by and find your relatives in the Dublin phone book or find your ancestral home on a map!

♦ Soda Bread sales

ENTERTAINMENT 2008



The Larkin & Moran Brothers

Back for the second time this year, this band was well received by Feis-goers in 2007. 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 mix of traditional and original tunes, influenced by Shane MacGowan, The Clancy Brothers, The Pogues, 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. For more information, visit www.celticrapack.com.



Donnybrook

n. an uproar; a free-for-all

Donnybrook is an accomplished

Celtic band that has been performing traditional songs and tunes in an energetic, unique style for the past fourteen years. They captivate audiences with their exciting tunes and ever-present humor.

Donnybrook is familiar on the festival circuit. They appear regularly at festivals like the Chicago Celtic Fest, Gaelic Park Irish Fest, Peoria Erin Feis, and St. Catherine's Irish Fest. They have appeared several times before at Erin Feis, always to rave reviews. For more information: www.donnybrookband.com



Quad Cities Céili Band

The Quad Cities Céili Band is a local area traditional Irish band appearing for the first time at Erin Feis. Three-fourths of the band appeared last year as the Blackthorn Stick. They will perform again both on-stage and



inside RIBCO for some traditional Irish social dancing.

Jon Cooper, (Port Byron) plays the uilleann pipes and penny-whistle. 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.

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 with "The Beggermen".

Frank Claudy (Bettendorf) is an accomplished flute and whistle player transplanted from Washington, D.C. who learned his craft from the likes of Brendan Mulvihill and Billy McComiskey. Frank has an extensive collection of instruments but he is most often seen playing his Rudall and Rose wooden flute made in 1848. In July he can be found teaching flute and whistle at the Catskills Irish Week in East Durham, NY.

Guy Drollinger, (Iowa City) plays fiddle and mandolin, has played with "Stones in the Field" celtic band; in a duo called "Fiddlers Green"; and 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.

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.



Mullane-Healy- O'Brien Irish Dance Academy

These gifted young dancers exude a charm and infectious energy that always equals a show-stopping performance. Under the skillful direction of Chicagoans, Mike Mullane, and Shannon Maloney, these dancers provide a spectacular display of talent.

"From our tots and beginners to our World Championship dancers, the Mullane-Healy - O'Brien students learn to celebrate and indulge in the culture and heritage of this great art form Irish Dance at their pace." Mike Mullane

For more information visit:
www.mullanehealyobrien.com



The 411 on Erin Feis

WIN A TRIP TO IRELAND!

Imagine winning the grand prize in our 2008 Raffle! You could win \$1,500 towards an Ireland trip or \$1,000 cash. Tickets have been mailed to all SPS members and sell for \$1 each. You are encouraged to return the ticket stubs prior to Erin Feis, along with a check to: Raffle Committee Chairs **Jack & Connie Pond**, St. Patrick Society, PO Box 4487, Davenport, IA 52808. You may also turn in raffle stubs and money, or purchase additional raffle tickets at Erin Feis on September 21st. Please call (309) 786-3397 if you need more tickets in advance.

Raffle prizes and gift baskets will be awarded throughout the day at Erin Feis. 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 are able to donate a prize, please contact **Michelle McCarten** at 309-236-3009.

Volunteers Are Still Needed! We need lots of helping hands to ensure a successful Erin Feis. It's fun and it only takes a few hours. Volunteers are needed to work set up in the morning, the entrance gates, children's games, raffle area, culture, clean up etc. Contact **Jolene Whittemore** at 563-391-1904 to volunteer. All volunteers will be invited to the annual post-Feis party (date and details to be announced).

SPS Memorabilia – Stop by the SPS Memorabilia table and purchase a 2008 Erin Feis T-shirt! One of a kind you must have!

Red Hair & Freckles Contest
The judged contest is open to

children ages 1-12 and NEW this year is an adult category! Judging will take place 2:30-3:30 on the Dance Stage. To enter the contest sign up at the registration table located near the dance stage at EF.

Special Thanks goes out to **Kate King** who is retiring as our Erin Feis MC this year. Kate has used her infamous wit, charm, and jokes to MC each Erin Feis for as long as anyone can remember! Thanks Kate!

Mr. Bo Spates, local professional D.J. will MC this year's Erin Feis – welcome Bo!



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.



Irish Memorial Project

Please stop by the Irish Memorial Table display at Erin Feis to learn the latest in the development of this amazing project and how



you can have your family's name on a piece of history for future generations. Coordinators

John Scally (309-788-2341), **Pat Burke** (563-359-8016) and **Shelley Sheehy** (563-343-5699) will be at Erin Feis to

answer your questions. Contributions will be accepted at Erin Feis or can be mailed to St. Patrick Society, Quad Cities, USA, PO Box 4487, Davenport, IA 52808. Contributions of \$300 or more 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.



Upcoming Events

The weekend of August 22-24 will be a very Irish one! Enjoy these area Celtic events (while sure to be wearing a SPS t-shirt!): August 23, 2008 4th **Annual Irish Hooley** in Dubuque, Iowa. Entertainment includes Fionna Molloy, The Chancey Brothers, The Fuchsia Band, and Gaelic Storm. All for \$10 (\$8 in advance) For information contact Shamrock Imports at 563-583-5000.

August 23, 2008 **Celtic Highland Games of the Quad Cities**. Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport, Iowa. Experience Scottish, Irish, Welsh, Cornish and other Celtic cultures!

August 22-24, 2008 **Peoria Erin Feis** on the Riverfront. For information www.peoriaerinfeis.com.



Society Meetings

All members of the St. Patrick Society are welcome and encouraged to attend our General Meetings, which are held at the Knights of Columbus in Davenport at 7:30 pm. Bring a friend and get involved! Next General meeting is Monday, August 18, 2008. Mark your calendar to attend!