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St. Patrick's Day Celebrations
Enjoy a Spirited Irish Celebration on the "Green" Chicago River and
Live Traditional Irish Music and Dance at Navy Pier

- WHO:** Navy Pier and Shoreline Cruises present a full day of Irish St. Patrick's Day festivities.
- WHAT:** ***FREE Irish and Celtic live music on Navy Pier's Family Pavilion Stage!*** Chicago Stock Yard Kilty Band, the McNulty School of Irish Dance, Foy School of Traditional Irish Dance and the popular group Anish perform for families enjoying all the festivities featured for St. Patrick's Day on the Family Pavilion Stage. **Cost: FREE**
- Cruise the River!*** Cruise the historic Chicago River while dining on a traditional Irish Buffet and enjoying traditional Irish music. A special presentation by one of Shoreline's professional architecture docents will highlight the role of the Irish community in shaping modern Chicago.
- Complimentary soda and coffee. Cash bar. Tickets are available by phone or online: 312-222-9328 or <http://shorelinesightseeing.com/>. **Cost: \$29 Adults, \$27 Seniors, \$15 Children.**
- WHEN:** ***Family Pavilion Stage: Saturday, March 14th and Sunday, March 15th***
Shoreline Cruises: Saturday, March 14th
- TIME:** ***Shoreline Cruises*** (departs from Ogden Slip at Navy Pier)
Saturday, March 14, 2009
Pre-parade cruise: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Post-parade cruise: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Family Pavilion Stage***
Saturday, March 14, 2009: 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 15, 2009: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** Ogden Slip and the Family Pavilion Stage
Navy Pier
600 E. Grand Avenue.
Chicago, IL

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MUSIC SCHEDULE:

Saturday, March 14, 2009

- 11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Stock Yard Kilty Band (Bagpipers)
- 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Anish (Celtic/Irish Music)
- 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. The McNulty School of Irish Dance (Folk Dancers)

Sunday, March 15, 2009

- 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. The Rushy Mountain Trio (Celtic/Irish Fiddle Music)
- 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Foy School of Traditional Irish Dance (Folk Dancers)
- 4:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Stock Yard Kilty Band (Bagpipers)

BIOS:

Stock Yard Kilty Band

The Chicago Stock Yard Kilty Band (one of the oldest continuous pipe bands in the United States of America) was formed in 1921 by brothers Robert and James Sim. The Sim brothers came from a piping family in Aberdeen, Scotland where their father made bagpipes. Both served in World War I (Bob with the 4th Battalion, Gordon Highlanders and Jim, who enlisted at 13, with the Royal Engineers Pipe Band and later with the 51st Highland Division).

After coming to Chicago, Bob joined the Canadian Kilties Pipe Band, which has since gone out of existence. In 1921 Bob decided to form his own pipe band and after obtaining uniforms from ex-servicemen of the British Legion he and his brother organized the British Legion Pipe Band. In 1925 the Chicago Stockyard American Legion Post #333 was organized and was looking for a musical unit. The band became affiliated with the Stockyard Post in 1926 and changed its name to the Chicago Stock Yard Kilty Band. www.sykb.com

Anish

Led by Galway, Ireland-native Aidan O'Toole, this flute, fiddle, and percussion ensemble performs a unique blend of folk-rock with Celtic influences.

Contact: Aidan O'Toole, anois@sbcglobal.net, 773.220.9870

The McNulty School of Irish Dance

From humble beginnings in Naperville Illinois, the McNulty School of Irish Dance has grown into one of the largest, most active dance schools in the Midwest. We offer Irish dance lessons throughout the Chicago suburban area, in Bloomington, and Rockford Illinois, and in Dubuque Iowa.

The McNulty School of Irish Dance was founded by Barbara McNulty T.C.R.G. in 1971 in Naperville, Illinois. Since then, enrollment has grown to over 450 students throughout the Midwest. The School currently offers classes in over 15 locations in Northern and Central Illinois as well as Iowa.

Barbara is recognized by An Coimisiun (the Irish Dance Commission in Dublin Ireland) and the North American and Mid-American Irish Dance Teachers Associations. She is fully certified to teach Irish Step Solo, Figure, and Ceili dancing. Because of these accreditations, our students are eligible to compete in sanctioned Irish Dance competitions throughout the world. www.mcultyirishdancers.com

The Rushy Mountain Trio

The Rushy Mountain Trio is a project led by Chicago fiddler, composer and arranger Devin Shepherd.

Devin first toured the US at the age of 18, after retiring from competition as the undefeated solo fiddle champion at the Midwest Fleadh Cheoil for nine consecutive years, a competition which he has since adjudicated. Since then his performance venues have ranged from a Las Vegas casino to the Kennedy Center and beyond.

Devin earned a degree in Music Composition from the Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University in 2005. Even before finishing school, he received several professional commissions, notably from New York City-based Dramaton Theatre for "The Painted Rose," an original rod-puppet opera using life-size rod puppets in a wordless drama about a painter teetering between passion and reality.

Since 2006, Devin has been focusing on an Irish duo project with All-Ireland Champion harpist Marta Cook, working on their debut album. More collaborations with Dramaton Theatre and Puppet Kabob Productions are also in the works. fiddledd8@yahoo.com

Foy School of Traditional Irish Dance

The Foy School of Traditional Irish Dance was founded in 1974 in Chicago by Geraldine Foy, TCRG member of: An Coimisiun le Rinci Gaelacha, Irish Dancing Teachers Association of North America, and Irish Dancing Teachers Association of Mid-America. Every year Foy Dancers participate in competitions across the United States, Canada, and Ireland. The Des Moines Satellite Location was founded in the Fall of 2004 and continues to grow. www.foyirishdancers.com

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