



## **Announcing the 2011 United Irish of Dayton Celtic Festival**

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July 12, 2011...Dayton, OH – United Irish of Dayton proudly presents the tenth annual United Irish of Dayton Celtic Festival July 29, 30 and 31 at RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave. and surrounding streets in Downtown Dayton. The event features the sounds, sights and tastes of Celtic Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Admission is FREE.

Festival hours are 6 to 11 p.m. Friday, July 29, Noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, July 30, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, July 31.

The Festival will feature five headliner bands and 17 regional and local entertainers on three covered stages. The wildly popular and entertaining band Gaelic Storm returns, as does the band Scythian. Festival organizers are pleased to welcome back The Fuchsia Band from Ireland, The Elders on Friday night, and for the first time in Dayton Canadian Celtic Rockers, Enter the Haggis. Irish and Scottish dancers, and regional and local bands performing sing along favorites and original songs promise to continuously entertain all ages.

Festival-goers can shop for Celtic themed merchandise, sample Celtic and festival foods from popular vendors, drink authentic Irish beers, witness a re-enactment of 17<sup>th</sup> century Highland Scottish life by Clan Desdin, and participate in free workshops on traditional Irish music, arts and crafts, and Irish Wake demonstration, language and dance in the Irish Arts Tent. The Irish American Theater Company makes its debut, with presentations of the original play "What Happened Bridgie Cleary?" Children and their families can enjoy games and crafts in the Rainbow's End children's area on Saturday and Sunday of the Festival.

The Dayton Celtic Festival 5K Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, July 30, with a 4 p.m. starting time. The course follows the Great Miami River Recreation Trail, and is open to all runners and walkers.

A special Catholic Mass, celebrated in both English and Gaelic by the Reverend Sean Patrick Kealy, will kick off events on Sunday, July 31, beginning at 10 a.m. Also on Sunday morning, a Celtic Breakfast will be available from 9 a.m. to Noon.

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