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New features and classic favorites bring Irish fun to Landmark Center

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations, March 17 and 18

SAINT PAUL, Minn. (March 5, 2018)— *St. Patrick's Day Irish Celebration* and *A Day of Irish Dance* are back-to-back this year! Two straight days of lively Celtic music, dancing, and authentic vendors, the events are produced by the Irish Music and Dance Association, in partnership with Landmark Center. March 17, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., is the St. Patrick's Day Irish Celebration, and March 18, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., is Day of Irish Dance.

“We are very excited about a couple new performances this year,” said Julia Rogers, IMDA President. “Today, Irish culture is so vibrant and diverse, and we are excited to celebrate that fact with new features in the festivities.”

New in 2018:

March 17, features, Border CrossSing, a Spanish speaking group that sings of the Irish who fought with the Mexican army in the Mexican American war.

March 18, the merger of two dance forms: Irish step dance and India's "Bollywood" dance forms.

March 18, will also have a "sensory safe room" for families with members on the autism spectrum who want to take a break from the festivities. This space is presented in partnership with the Autism Society of Minnesota.

In addition to the new features, guests can be sure to see Irish step dancing by several local schools and Celtic music from the area's best groups. Additionally, there are seminars on Irish culture and a kids stage and craft area for the wee ones. Food and drinks will be for sale, both on the main floor and in the Irish Tea Room (Courtroom 317) for a quieter experience.

St. Patrick's Day Irish Celebration runs 10 am-5 pm. *Day of Irish Dance* runs 11 am - 5 pm. Admission for the Irish Celebration and Day of Dance is each \$7 for ages 13 and older, and \$5 of 12 and younger.

Day of Irish Dance is part of the “Sundays at Landmark” series, presented by Minnesota Landmarks and proudly sponsored in part by Ecolab, Travelers, and Ramsey County. Both days of the Irish Celebrations are produced by the Irish Music and Dance Association and are presented in partnership with Minnesota Landmarks / Landmark Center. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for kids 5-12, each day. A portion of the proceed from the St. Patrick's Day Celebration and Day of Irish Dance go to grants that support local Irish music, dance, and other arts of cultural significance. For more information, visit www.landmarkcenter.org/Irish.html .

About Landmark Center

Landmark Center is a dynamic, historic cultural center and central gathering place in downtown Saint Paul. It is owned and sponsored by Ramsey County and managed by Minnesota Landmarks, the nonprofit programming and management agency for the building. Landmark Center is located at 75 5th Street West, on Rice Park and is accessible to those with impaired mobility. Parking is available on street and in nearby Lawson, Science Museum and RiverCentre Ramps. For more information call 651.292.3063 or visit www.landmarkcenter.org.

About the Irish Music and Dance Association

The Irish Music and Dance Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit cultural and educational organization. With the help of an enthusiastic group of dedicated volunteers, IMDA supports, coordinates, encourages and promotes high quality activities and programs in Irish music and dance in the Twin Cities community. For more information, visit www.irishmusicanddanceassociation.org.

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