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Ramble into Tartan Week *A Scottish Ramble kicks off Tartan Week*

SAINT PAUL, Minn. (March 8, 2016) –*A Scottish Ramble*, Landmark Center’s popular Scottish celebration has moved from its traditional February date to April 2. The new date kicks off Minnesota’s Tartan Week events, giving *A Scottish Ramble* an additional element to celebrate.

These traditional Scottish celebrations brings together all aspects of Scottish heritage for true Scots, and Scottish enthusiasts alike. The Tartan Week and Scottish Ramble celebration will begin with a "Gathering of the Clans" in Rice Park at 11:45 a.m., followed by the Minnesota Police Pipe Band leading a foot parade around Rice Park. The parade will go through Landmark Center’s north entrance, down the aisle to the main stage for a brief presentation, announcement of the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award, and more pipe music.

“National Tartan Day is a U.S. observance on April 6 each year,” said Liz Michaelson, *A Scottish Ramble* producer. “This year’s Scottish Ramble is kicking off a whole week of Scottish events around the Twin Cities.”

The festival also features dance groups from around the region, additional pipe bands, and other traditional Scottish music performances, cultural information sessions, children’s activities, as well as food and merchandise vendors. Attendees can look forward to several favorite Scottish performance groups, including:

Minnesota Police Pipe Band

Macalester College Pipe Band

Northern Gael – a lively trio performing beautiful ballads to vigorous dance tunes

The Gunn Slingers – known for traditional Scottish tunes played with hard groove and high energy
Thistledown

Highland & Scottish Country Dancers

Ross Sutter – singer and musician (guitar, dulcimer, button accordion, and bodhran) of Scottish songs

Laura MacKenzie – singer and musician (wooden flutes, whistles, concertina, bagpipes, gemshorn)

Mary MacGillivray Trio

A Scottish Ramble is part of the *Sundays at Landmark* series, presented by Minnesota Landmarks and proudly sponsored in part by Ecolab, Travelers, and Ramsey County. *A Scottish Ramble* is 11 am – 6 pm, and admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for ages 12 and younger. Admission supports Landmark Center’s free and low cost programs, and helps keep events affordable for everyone. Full schedule details can be found at www.scottishramble.org or www.landmarkcenter.org/ramble.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 West 5th Street, 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.

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