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The magic of Ireland is coming to St. Bonaventure University

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The Magic of Ireland, a live spectacle of traditional Irish dance, music and song, is coming to St. Bonaventure University at 7:30 p.m. Sunday,



March 11, in the San Damiano Room in Francis Hall.

The Magic of Ireland offers an authentic Irish cultural experience with award-winning dancers performing traditional Irish dance that has been around as long as there as been music to perform.

The musical production has toured extensively throughout the United Kingdom and Europe, performing more than 400 shows. The show consists of 10 to 12 regular members all of whom are champion Irish dancers, accompanied by up to five multi-instrumentalists singing and playing 11 different instruments, including the accordion, fiddle, guitar, Bahrain, pipes, whistles and flutes.

The dancers' enthusiasm, energy and precision on stage have been highly acclaimed both by audiences and reviewers. Since the show began, the dancers have been instrumental in developing an intimacy with the audience and creating an atmosphere similar to a genuine Irish Ceili.

"The University is proud to host The Magic of Ireland and to celebrate through dance, music, and song a land that is rich in tradition and spirit," said Steve Plesac, director of student activities.

The show runs nearly two hours and includes 16 costume changes.

It is presented by the Office of Student Activities at St. Bonaventure. Tickets are \$20 and are available at the Reilly Center Ticket Office, Tops Friendly Markets, tickets.com or by calling 888-223-6000. All seats are reserved. For more information about The Magic of Ireland, visit http://themagicofireland.ca/home.html.

CAB Movie Schedule 7:30 p.m. 10:30 p.m. 1:30 a.m.

Wednesday 21 - Jackass #2 Thursday 22 - Crank Friday, Saturday, Sunday 23, 24, 25 The Wicker Man Monday 26 - A Scanner Darkly Tuesday 27 - Material Girls Wednesday 28 - Clerks 2

Fun For Freshmen

Music, movies and even the Mafia those are the alternatives St. Bonaventure is offering for students tired of the region's blistering winds and sub-zero temperatures. University groups offer a variety of activities providing fun and safe alternatives to drinking for students.

This semester, the Jandoli School of Journalism and Mass Communication will sponsor a series of interactive events every Friday night. The "Friday Night Lights" program began on Feb. 2 with an offer that students couldn't refuse. "Mafia Night" with Dean Lee Coppola showing students the history and current state of the mob and the impacts it has today. During the presentation, Coppola shared his experiences of reporting on the mob for 25 years.

Dr. Denny Wilkins will discuss his younger years and the lessons he learned from them with a slide show and presentation on March 16. Journalism professors will read and discuss selections from their written works on April 13.

The program also includes screenings of two movies, followed by discussions. "Grizzly Man" will be shown on Feb. 16 and "Capote" will be presented on April 27. On Feb. 25, students can watch their favorites actors/actresses and films be recognized at the Sunday night Oscar party.

Students craving music will find plenty of it at the Rathskeller throughout the semester. As part of a new partnership with the Music is Art organization, a live band will perform at the Rathskeller every other Thursday. The partnership will feature Western New York artists associated with Music is Art, with styles ranging from pop and heavy metal to hip-hop and alternative. Admission to all of the concerts is free.

A "house band" will also practice and

perform in the Rathskeller every Wednesday. Musicians from the Southern Tier region and the University will be supported by technology and production services including sound and lights. Students are welcome to bring their instruments and perform with the band on stage. Singers will also be given the opportunity to sing with the band in a karaoke format. This will provide a mentoring situation for student musicians and singers. Extra guitars and instruments will be available.

The First-Year Experience (FYE) program will also provide entertainment for students.

"As a part of the programming model in the First-Year Experience, the FYE [Resident Assistants] and FYE Mentors work together to host a social program every weekend," said Chris Brown, the Resident Director of Shay/Loughlin Hall.

The FYE program has sponsored a Stress Free Night with the Counseling Center and a dance party at the Rathskeller. In the future, the program will sponsor a trip to go ice skating at the Olean Recreation Center and an open mic/karaoke event.

> Midterm Break Bus Departure - Fri. March 2 Hickey Circle 11 p.m. Rob/Fal Circle 11:15 p.m. Francis/ Townhouses 11:30 p.m. Place & Time of Arrival

Place & Time of Arrival Paramus, NJ 6 a.m. NYC Penn Station 6:30 a.m.

Departure - Sun. March 11 NYC Penn Station 9 a.m. Paramus, NJ 9:30 a.m.

Cost: \$60 one way / \$75 round trip





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