Milwaukee Irish Fest Sounds Off with Announcement of 2019 Festival Music Lineup

Highly anticipated festival hits Summerfest Grounds from August 15-18

Highlights:

- Lineup features legendary favorites and bright newcomers to the Milwaukee lakefront
- The musical genres represented at the festival span the spectrum between indie-folk, Americana, Celtic rock, and nearly everything in between
- Galway will be the 2019 Milwaukee Irish Fest showcase city, and the European Capital of Culture in 2020

MILWAUKEE (March 18, 2019) — Drum roll, please. Milwaukee Irish Fest, the world's largest celebration of Irish and Celtic music and culture, has announced its star-studded 2019 entertainment lineup. The festival features hundreds of musicians, dancers and entertainers from around the world, with music running the gamut of genres, from traditional Irish to the most contemporary sounds of today.



The entertainment lineup sets the stage for an unforgettable festival, including performances by fan favorites like **Gaelic Storm** and **The High Kings**, plus newcomers like **Elephant Sessions** and **Boxing Banjo**.

The 2019 showcase stage at Milwaukee Irish Fest shines a light on Galway, a gem of a city on the west coast of Ireland. Galway is often referred to as the cultural heart of Ireland and will be the European Capital of Culture in 2020. Its culture and history will be on full display throughout the festival grounds in Milwaukee this year.

On the Galway showcase stage, attendees can see the following artists:

- We Banjo 3
- The Whileaways
- BackWest

- Leo Moran & Padraig Stevens
- The Kane Sisters

"Milwaukee Irish Fest offers art, food, history, sports and culture, but music is the heartbeat of this festival," said Mike Mitchell, executive director of Celtic MKE, the organizer and host of Milwaukee Irish Fest each year. "And it's not just traditional Irish music. This year's roster has indie-folk, Americana, Celtic rock and a lot more. There's really something for everyone."

Like a family gathering, the Milwaukee Irish Fest entertainment lineup has its fair share of familiar faces, such as:

- Red Hot Chili Pipers
- Gaelic Storm
- Hermitage Green
- Seo Lynn
- And many more...

The festival always attracts new attendees each year, and the musical acts are no different. Other newcomers to the Milwaukee lakefront include:

- Realta
- Emma Langford
- Boxing Banjo
- Rum Ragged
- And many more...

For more information on the full 2019 entertainment lineup (subject to change) or to purchase tickets, visit the Milwaukee Irish Fest website.

About Milwaukee Irish Fest

Milwaukee Irish Fest is the world's largest celebration of Celtic music and culture. The four-day festival showcases more than 100 entertainment acts on 16 stages at Henry W. Maier Festival Park on Milwaukee's lakefront. The annual festival occurs every third weekend in August. The 38th annual Milwaukee Irish Fest takes place August 16 to 19, 2018. Milwaukee Irish Fest is proudly presented by CelticMKE, a non-profit organization dedicated to igniting a love of Celtic culture and heritage in all people. With the help of more than 4,000 volunteers, CelticMKE and Milwaukee Irish Fest promote Celtic music, dance, drama, sports, culture, children's activities and genealogy through the annual festival, as well as year-round programming.

For more information, visit www.CelticMKE.com.

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