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PRESS RELEASE...UPDATE!!

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18th Annual CCÉ Irish Folk Festival

EVENT DATE & TIME:

Saturday, September 21, 2013

Noon to 8:30, Ceili 6:30 – 8:30

LOCATION:

Sherwood Center at Van Dyck Park at 3740 Old Lee Highway,

Fairfax, Virginia, 22030

& The Auld Shebeen Irish Pub at 3971 Chain Bridge Road,

Fairfax, Virginia, 22030

FREE! Rain or Shine. FREE PARKING!

LATE BREAKING NEWS!

Featured performers have been confirmed:

*World-champion button accordion master **Billy McComiskey** returns to the festival, bringing with him a supporting cast of all-star players from the Baltimore Irish scene. Don't miss your chance to hear the music of Ireland performed by an Irish traditional music artist recognized as among the greatest on the planet.*

***The New Century American Irish-Arts Company** shows are being hailed as the most exciting and artful Irish traditional music and dance performances since Riverdance first visited the Wolftrap stage. They are elevating an already high art form. It simply doesn't get any better, anywhere.*

*How remarkable is our region for Irish step dancing? Take a look at this list of schools from our region, each of which will be represented: **Boyle School, Culkin School, Duffy School, Maple School, O'Neill James, Shannon Dunne.***

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, September 21, 2013, the Washington DC metropolitan area branch of the CCÉ, with sponsorship from The City of Fairfax and The City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts, presents the 18th Annual CCÉ Irish Folk Festival, in Fairfax, VA. All are invited to enjoy, free of charge, the "pure drop" - the beauty and depth of Irish music, dance, language and sport as it has taken root and come into full flower in our community.

Visitors to www.CCEfestival2013.ORG can consult an ever-evolving schedule of remarkable events taking place on the festival's stages.

Dublin-based Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (CCÉ) is the largest non-profit group involved in the preservation and promotion of Irish traditional music and culture. Started in 1951, CCÉ now has branches all over the world. The O'Neill Malcom Branch primarily serves the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

The 18th Annual CCÉ Irish Folk Festival is presented in cooperation with the City of Fairfax, and the City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts.

www.ccefestival2013.org

Experience the vibrancy and riches of Irish traditional music, dance and community:

- Step Dance and *Sean Nos* dance performances and workshops
- Traditional Irish Music: - fiddle, banjo, pipes, flute, accordion, drum singing, and more. Sessions, performances and Instructional workshops (see offering and schedule at www.CCEfestival.org)
- Gaelic Football and Hurling demonstrations (participation optional!)
- The ***South Roscommon Singers' Circle*** – direct from Ireland, scholars and performers of songs in Irish and English alike.
- Beer, at the *Penny Whistle Pub*, on-site!
- Genealogy, History, Irish Language Workshops and More

All are welcome to find their place among the enthusiasts attending the **18th Annual CCÉ Irish Folk Festival**.

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CHECK FREQUENTLY FOR UPDATES:

www.cceirishfest.org

Photos attach, below



caption Traditional step dancing at its best at last year's CCE Irish Folk Festival, in Fairfax, Va.

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The Old Pitch performs jigs and reels at last year's CCE Irish Folk Festival, in Fairfax, Va.

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