FACT SHEET 2016 Dayton Celtic Festival

Title: The United Irish of Dayton Celtic Festival, presented by United Irish of Dayton, in partnership with Five Rivers MetroParks.

Festival Times:
Fri., July 29, 5:30-11 p.m.
Sat., July 30, 11:30 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Sun., July 31, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Location:
RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Avenue, Dayton Ohio and surrounding streets

Information:
Visit www.daytoncelticfestival.com or call (937) 372-9788 for more information.

Description appearing in Five Rivers MetroParks Parkways magazine:
Downtown Dayton comes to life with the sights and sounds of Ireland, Scotland and Wales at the fifteenth Annual Dayton Celtic Festival. FOUR stages offer continuous live musical and dance entertainment with audience seating under-cover. Enjoy Celtic arts and language, cultural demonstrations, children’s activities, food, beverage, a Gaelic Mass and Celtic breakfast on Sunday and lots more FREE family-friendly fun!

Festival Factoids:
• FREE, RAIN OR SHINE
• DAYTON’S LARGEST DOWNTOWN FESTIVAL
• Celebrating its 15th year
• An estimated 90,000 people visited the three-day festival last year
• SIX headliner bands
• Voted Best of Dayton 2014-2015 by Dayton Magazine
• Featuring authentic Irish beverages
• Beverage tastings on Friday at 6, 7 and 8 p.m.; Saturday at 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30p.m.; and Sunday at 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 p.m.

Headliner Bands:
Gaelic Storm
Fan favorite Gaelic Storm returns to headline the 2016 Dayton Celtic Festival. Gaelic Storm has straddled the line between tradition and innovation for nearly two decades, infusing traditional Celtic music with modern influences, and updating the genre for a new generation of fans raised on rock, country and folk. Along the way, the group has topped the Billboard World Chart four times and earned a reputation as a hard-touring, genre-bending band. Gaelic Storm has sold out hundreds of theatres and performing arts centers and has now played to audiences totaling in the millions.
Scythian
A Dayton Celtic Festival fan favorite, Scythian (sith-ee-yin) returns for their eighth appearance at the Dayton Celtic Festival. Rousing and raucous, Scythian plays kicked-up Celtic and world music with hints of Gypsy and Klezmer, all infused with a touch of punk-rock sensibility. Their immigrant rock sound is saturated with thunderous energy, technical prowess and storytelling songwriting, which beckons crowds into a barn-dance rock concert experience.

Socks in the Frying Pan
Socks in the Frying Pan returns for their third year as traditional headliners for the 2016 festival. The band includes a multi-award winning trio from County Clare on the west coast of Ireland, the universal hub of Irish traditional music. Their dynamic vocal harmonies, virtuosic musical ability and onstage wit has captured and captivated audiences the world around. Socks in the Frying Pan consists of Aodán Coyne on guitar and vocals and the accomplished Hayes brothers, Shane Hayes on accordion and Fiachra Hayes on fiddle and banjo. This youthful trio blends Irish traditional melodies with their own personal flair, which has gained them critical acclaim and accolades including 'New Band of the Year' by the Irish Music Association. The group has been embraced in the United States, having been booked by every major Irish festival and praised for their modern traditional style and energetic approach to music. They have a clear love for live performance, which only compliments the traditional essence in their shows and makes for a truly unique form of entertainment.

We Banjo 3
Back for their second year at the Dayton Celtic Festival, Award-winning quartet We Banjo 3 from Galway, Ireland, combines Irish Music with old-time American and Bluegrass influences to reveal the banjo’s rich legacy and roots. We Banjo 3 plays with swing and soul, effortlessly combining the best of Irish and Bluegrass banjo music and song, mining the rich vein of the American old-time tradition and thoroughly reinventing the banjo band sound. Modern rhythms, traditional melodies, virtuosic technique and innovative arrangements of music and song add up to an incredible feast of banjo and mandolin music.

Goitse
Goitse make their debut as Headliners at the 2016 United Irish of Dayton Celtic Festival. Goitse (Go-with-cha) is an informal Gaelic Irish greeting meaning ‘come here’. The multi-award-winning quintet Goitse was forged in the white-hot creative crucible of Limerick University’s Irish World Academy. Recently crowned Live Ireland’s ‘Trad group of the Year’, Chicago Irish American News’ ‘Group of the Year’, as well as winning the prestigious ‘Freiburger International Leiter 2016’ award in Germany, they have made a name for themselves as one of the most sought after bands amongst connoisseurs of Irish Traditional music. Their distinctive sound lies in the quality of their own compositions interspersed with traditional tunes from Ireland and abroad, which make each set entertaining and unique.

Screaming Orphans
Making their debut at the Dayton Celtic Festival on the new Rock Stage, The Screaming Orphans from County Donegal, Ireland, have their roots in traditional Irish music yet draw on a diverse set of influences for their melody-driven songs with pop and rock strains. The Screaming Orphans are four sisters with the good fortune to have been raised in the magic of Bundoran in County Donegal, Ireland. From when they were young, they have been singing and playing traditional Irish music, but when they hit their teenage years, they knew it was time to start their own pop rock band.
Regional Entertainers:
Bloody Tinth
Ceili with Éamónn de Cógáin
Celtic Academy of Irish Dance
Celtic Font
Changeling
Dulahan
Dwyer School of Irish Dance
Father Son and Friends
Fin Tan
Homeland
Jameson's Folly
McGovern Ceili Dancers
Miami Valley Pipes and Drums
9 Castle Close
Sons O'Blarney
The Drowsy Lads
The Irish Airs
The Roving Rogues
Two Too Many

Sponsors
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Festival Featured Attractions:
• FOUR stages of continuous entertainment; all under cover
• Visit our Culture area complete with new workshops. Learn some Irish history, how to make Irish bodhrán drums, learn Gaelic words and acquire other Celtic knowledge. We will also have the following cultural demonstrations - Easter Rising of 1916 Exhibit; Miami Valley Knitting Guild members demonstrating Irish craftsmanship and Aran knitting; Irish Wake and demonstration on how this event was conducted in Ireland.
• Celtic Marketplace
• Beverage tastings on Friday at 6, 7 and 8 p.m.; Saturday at 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday at 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 p.m.
• Children’s Area
• Parade of Kilts, Friday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m., Sunday following Gaelic Mass
• 5K Run/Walk, sponsored by Kettering Sports Medicine, on Saturday, July 30 starting at 10 a.m.
• Gaelic Mass on Sunday, July 31 at 10 a.m.
• Celtic Breakfast on Sunday, July 31 starting at 9 a.m.
• Bike Ride on Sunday, July 31 at 9 a.m. at Don Crawford Plaza in front of Fifth Third Field. Meet at Don Crawford Plaza at 8:30 a.m.

Accommodations
Special festival rates are available at the Crowne Plaza Downtown Dayton, 33 East Fifth Street, 937-224-0800. Walk to the festival each day! RTA and Uber service is also provided.