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ALL EYES WILL BE SMILING TO THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF IRISH ENTERTAINMENT AT THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL IN DUBLIN -- MARCH 15 & 16, 2014

DUBLIN, Calif., March 3, 2014 – Experience distinct, authentic, and contemporary brands of Irish music at the City of Dublin's St. Patrick's Day Festival, March 15 - 16, 2014. Now in its 31st year, Dublin's St. Patrick's Day Festival will present a wide-range of Irish music and Irish dancers, bagpipes, and a Celtic Harp, as well as folk and contemporary bands – keeping the Irish spirit alive in every corner of the festival.

The main stage will showcase a diverse line-up of contemporary Celtic rock. The festival will open Saturday morning with Avalon Rising, a blend of psychedelic original rock, Celtic, and Medieval music. Performing both Saturday and Sunday, The Blue Yonders, an ensemble from the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West, will perform traditional and not-so-traditional Irish and bluegrass music, with pop, country, and modern music influences. The Wicked Tinkers offer a unique tribal version of Celtic rock, featuring a high-energy mixture of bagpipes and tribal drums. On Sunday afternoon, Pog Mo Thoin's will close the festival with a performance featuring a unique combination of Celtic tunes with bluegrass.

A unique tradition at Dublin's St. Patrick's Day Festival is an Irish Dance stage with non-stop performances by students from the McGrath Irish Dancers on Saturday, and the McBride School of Irish Dance on Sunday. There is also a Pub Stage featuring small ensembles and solo artists, including Four Shillings Short, The Black Irish, Kristoph Klover, Trio of One, and Extended Roots.

While experiencing these entertaining Irish-themed performers, stroll through the festival grounds and visit the friendly *Irish Marketplace*, inviting *Arts & Crafts Fair & Celtic Food Court*, and fun *Carnival* for Kids.

Additional weekend events include a Green and White Gala on Friday, March 14, the annual Firefighter's Pancake Breakfast and St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 15, and annual Shamrock 5k Run and Walk on Sunday, March 16.

Festival admission and nearby parking are FREE. Visitors can also ride BART to the Dublin-Pleasanton BART Station (east of the Civic Center) and connect with a free Wheels pass available at the station during the weekend of the event. To learn more about all of the weekend festivities, please call (925) 556-4500 or visit www.DublinStPats.com

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