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Wheeling Heritage to Host Annual Celtic Celebration March 2

WHEELING, W.Va. – Feb. 22, 2019 – Wheeling Heritage will host its 23rd annual Wheeling Celtic Celebration on Saturday, March 2, at the Wheeling Artisan Center, 1400 Main Street, Wheeling. The event will open with entertainment and activities at 11 a.m. and continue until 11 p.m.

The Artisan Center's three floors will be filled with Celtic music, dancers, vendors, culture and traditional food offerings. A children's activity area, presented by the Children's Museum of the Ohio Valley, will take place on the second floor from noon to 4 p.m.

The Celtic Marketplace, on the second and third floors, will feature a selection of wonderful Celtic merchandise including clothing, pub shirts, glasses and signs, jewelry, photography, honey mead wines, and much more. Members of Gallowglass will be set up on the second floor to provide educational information and cultural presentations on various Celtic instruments and practices.

River City Restaurant will be open to offer their regular menu selections on the first floor, and will offer ethnic food selections on the third floor, including Scotch Eggs, Colcannon, and other Celtic delicacies as well as imported and domestic beers.

This year's entertainment will include returning favorites such as The Macdonald Pipe Band of Pittsburgh, the Burke Conroy School of Irish Dance, Brigid's Cross, Wheeling's Gallowglass and Terry Griffith.

The Celtic Celebration will end with a performance by Pittsburgh's The Wild Geese. The six-piece group features old-school Irish pub music, as well as high-energy original pieces. This is their first Wheeling Celtic Celebration appearance.

"The Wheeling Celtic Celebration has become an annual tradition enjoyed by many in and around the Ohio Valley. It's a time to celebrate Celtic culture and heritage and a time to gather with family and friends," said Chris Villamagna, Wheeling Heritage program manager, noting that the festival sees about 2,000 attendees each year.

Admission to the Celebration this year is \$7 per person. Admission for children 12 and under is free.

The event is sponsored by the Wheeling Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Ohio County Commission, the WALS Foundation, Altmeyer Funeral Homes, Felton CPA, Main Street Bank, Raymond James Financial - Chris Freeman CFP, Wheeling Ancient Order of Hibernians, Fahey-Leavitt Insurance Agency, and the WV Department of Arts, Culture & History.



Visit wheelingheritage.org for a full entertainment schedule. For more information, call the Wheeling Heritage at (304) 232-3087.

About Wheeling Heritage:

[Wheeling Heritage](#) is a catalyst for the revitalization of Wheeling. Through historic preservation, community development, and the arts, we help to tell Wheeling's story and shape its future. We seek to improve the quality of life in Wheeling by preserving and investing in our city, collaborating with others, and engaging the citizens of Wheeling in our work.