

Merriment reigns with Irish Gaels

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"Our parties are like reunions," said McDunn, who is 100 percent Irish.

"For me, St. Patrick's Day is the high point of the whole year. It's a positive, happy day. It's a day where Irish heritage and Irish culture are honored. The Irish came to America

and made great contributions. I never realized how much so until I got into Irish music."

Roma's is just north of Square Lake Road on the east side of Telegraph Road. Tickets for the St. Pat's Day gala can be purchased at Four Green Fields and at the door. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$8 on St. Patrick's Day.

Irish, non-Irish ready to celebrate

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• 8 p.m., Saturday, March 18 — A Feast of Irish Music is on tap at the Gaelic League/Irish American Club at 2055 Michigan Ave. in Detroit.

Performing for a rousing good house party will be Toronto's Interscine Celi Band, and Fanore. Admission is \$5. There is a lighted, guarded parking lot.

• 6 p.m., Friday, March 17 — traditional Irish entertainment is featured at the Gnome restaurant in Detroit. Performing will be the Irish folk group Innisfree. There will be Irish food, imported beer and spirits, and secured valet parking.

• 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 22 — the world-famous Chieftains, premier interpreters of traditional Irish

music, will perform in Ann Arbor at the University of Michigan's Hill Auditorium. Singer Maura O'Connell will make a guest appearance. Tickets are \$5, \$8, \$10 and \$12.

• 7:30 p.m., Friday March 17 — the Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance will present its second annual "Celtic: an Evening of Authentic Irish Tunes, Tales and Dance."

The Celtic will be at Slauson School auditorium, 1019 W. Washington at Ninth Street, in Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. Emcee Bill O'Connor will welcome the popular Michigan group Just Friends.

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upcoming things to do

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DINNER SHOW

"Motown — Memories and More" is extending its dinner-theater evenings through March and including April 1 at the Southfield Hilton. For ticket information, call the Southfield Hilton at 557-4800.

HARP PERFORMANCE

Contemporary harpist and singer Onika Sanders will perform at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, at the Community Center in Farmington-Farmington Hills. A dessert reception will follow. Sanders will present renditions of Cole Porter and George Gershwin classics as well as folk music

from around the world. Brought in part by the Arts Alliance Group, the Onika Sanders Family Dessert Theater is \$4 per person or \$13 per family. For reservations, call 477-8404.

READERS THEATER

First performance of the spring series of Readers Theater will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 19, in the DeRoy Studio Theatre at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. A complimentary pre-theater wine bar will begin at 3:15 p.m. The program featuring the talents of Harry Goldstein, Liz Weiss and Rube Weiss will present works by Woody Allen, Ethan Canin and Morris Weiss. There is an admission charge. For further information, call Readers Theater at 967-4030.

'FAMILY LOVE'

New Visions/Knightlife Ensemble Theatre presents the premiere of "Family Love," a musical drama by Robert L. Douglas, with music and lyrics by Christopher E. Knight, con-

tinuing Friday-Sunday, March 17-19, at the Paul Robeson Theatre of the Northwest Activity Center, Detroit.

BENEFIT NIGHT

A benefit performance of the Birmingham Village Players production of "Guest in the House" will be presented at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 21. The performance is sponsored by the Friends of Oakland County Welfare Rights. Tickets are \$12.50. For information about reserving tickets call 646-3084 or 879-6080.

FISHER THEATRE

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