

‘Great Irish Hooley’ a Labor Day Weekend Celebration at Raglan Road Irish Pub & Restaurant in Downtown Disney

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. – The Great Irish Hooley returns for four non-stop days of incomparable Irish food, live music and fun at Raglan Road Irish Pub & Restaurant in Downtown Disney August 30-Sept. 2.

Irish slang for a party or celebration, the Great Irish Hooley debuted in 2012 to such acclaim that it returns in 2013 with top Irish bands, music and dance workshops and Celtic fun for all in the family.

A lineup of celebrated Irish bands will play traditional, folk and rock tunes on the restaurant stage and outside on the pub patio. Families can participate in Irish dance workshops led by renowned Irish dancer and choreographer Ronan McCormack of the original Riverdance cast and join in Irish Music Workshops with distinguished Dublin-born multi-instrumentalist Declan Masterson. Guests also can kick up their heels during structured set dancing called the Ceili (kay-lee) — a precursor to today’s country line dancing. Celtic face painting and authentic food and beverages are on tap, as well.

“Last year’s hooley was such a success that we started planning early this year to invite the best of Irish bands and entertainers,” says John Cooke, a Raglan Road founding partner and native of Ireland.

Among the Great Irish Hooley lineup:

- **Scythian** (sith-ee-yin) will play kicked-up Celtic and world music infused with a touch of punk-rock sensibility.
- **Garry O’Meara**, who this year debuted his critically-acclaimed album “Pickin’ Time,” plays mandolin, banjo and other instruments for a modern take on traditional Irish music.
- **Elevation**, the leading U2 tribute band on the planet, will rock the crowd with the best of U2.

During the celebration, guests can grab a table for authentic fare by Irish celebrity chef Kevin Dundon or belly up to one of Raglan Road’s 130-year-old imported-from-Ireland bars.

The Great Irish Hooley schedule of entertainment and events will be posted this summer at www.raglanroad.com. Call 407/938-0300 for information.

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