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Bucks County Playhouse's Irish Music Festival

Bucks County Playhouse will host its Irish Music Festival, March 17-18. Featuring three acts that specialize in Celtic Music, the festival also will feature a “pop-up” inflatable Irish Pub in the Playhouse’s Courtyard, and an Irish whiskey tasting event.

Festivities kick off March 17 at 8 p.m. with a concert by The River Drivers. The group features Kevin McCloskey (vocals, guitar, mandolin, banjo, bass) and Mindy Murray (vocals, guitar, banjo) with accompaniment by Marian Moran (tin whistle, low whistle, concertina) and Meagan Ratini (fiddle, Irish flute, tin whistle).

The John Byrne Band will present a concert March 18 at 2 p.m. With influences ranging from The Chieftains to Planxty to Bob Dylan, Byrne’s songwriting honors and expands upon the musical and lyrical traditions of his native and adopted homes.

Between performances, the inflatable pub will host an Irish whiskey tasting, 5:30 to 7:30 pm. The tasting includes five courses of Irish whiskeys with a complimentary light fare buffet. The tasting requires a separate ticket. Irish whiskey tasting tickets (tasting only) and tasting tickets for concert single ticket holders cost \$35. Whiskey tasting tickets for pass holders cost \$30.

The festival concludes March 18 at 8 pm with a concert by The Galways Girls featuring Celtic Pride.

For more information, go to bcptheater.org or call 215-862-2121.