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**2011 COLORADO IRISH FESTIVAL SCHEDULED FOR JULY 8-10 IN CLEMENT PARK**

*In its 17<sup>th</sup> year, festival celebrates Irish culture including food,  
live entertainment, merchandise and more.*

**LITTLETON, Colo. (June 29, 2011)** – [The 2011 Colorado Irish Festival](#) kicks off its 17<sup>th</sup> year on Friday, July 8 at Clement Park in Littleton, Colo. This year's three-day festival offers food, Irish sporting events, an Irish dance competition, [Cultural Village](#) and many other family-friendly attractions.

Music is a big draw for the annual event and a recent poll on the [festival's Facebook page](#) showed that fans are most excited to see Albannach, The Indulgers, Colcannon, Seven Nations and McPeake – and [each of the 17 scheduled bands](#) has a strong following and is expected to draw a crowd.

“We are thrilled to celebrate our 17<sup>th</sup> year of the Colorado Irish Festival this summer,” said Shelly O’Hara, president of the Colorado Irish Festival. “This event truly brings together Colorado and Irish culture in an event that features music, athletics, food and fun. We could not host such a successful event without the ongoing support of our numerous volunteers and dedicated sponsors.”

This year's sponsors include Bellco Credit Union, George Killian's Irish Red, Jameson Irish Whiskey, LaQuinta Inn & Suites, Pepsi, Scientific & Cultural Facilities District, Scruffy Murphy's, The Celtic Tavern, The Celtic Connection 99.5FM The Mountain, Carmichael Chiropractic, and Global Travel Network.

“The Colorado Irish Festival represents the best of living in Colorado,” said Sandra Sagehorn-Elliott, chief operating officer and senior vice president of Bellco Credit Union. “It offers a little something for everyone – from food to activities to simply enjoying a day in the park soaking in Irish culture with family and friends.”

Advance [tickets are available online](#) or through King Soopers for \$12 per person, \$8 for seniors over 65, students with a valid ID or military personnel with an active ID. Tickets are available at the gate for \$15 per person or \$10 for seniors, students and military personnel as listed above. Kids under 12 are admitted for free.

**About The Colorado Irish Festival**

Established in 1994, The Colorado Irish Festival is an annual three-day community event that offers something for everyone. Irish and non-Irish revelers alike can enjoy music, dancing, food and beverages, activities for kids and live entertainment. The Colorado Irish Festival is a program of the Colorado United Irish Societies, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit established in 1995 which is currently comprised of eight individual organizations. More information about the Colorado Irish Festival is available at [www.coloradoirishfestival.org](http://www.coloradoirishfestival.org) or on [Facebook](#).

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