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Dandridge, Tennessee Celebrates Heritage at 5th Scots-Irish Festival

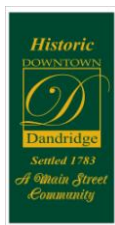
July, 2011 - Come to the only Scots-Irish Music Festival in the United States on Saturday, September 24, 2011 in Historic Downtown Dandridge, Tennessee. The music festival honors the Town's earliest settlers dating back to 1783. Families will enjoy this old-time Main Street Music Festival on the shores of Loch (Lake) Douglas in the foothills of the beautiful Smoky Mountains. The concert and all events are provided free of charge, courtesy of generous sponsors and patrons. The Town of Dandridge was recently named one of 2011's "Dozen Distinctive Destinations" by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The events start at 8:30 a.m. with Piping and Highland Dance competition. At 10:00 a.m. the Street Festival opens with vendors selling Scottish and Irish merchandise and a variety of food. There is a Children's Play Area, a fun dog show, and many Clans with booths explaining their origins and history. Starting at 12:00 noon there will be a pipe band parade and the start of continuous stage entertainment, including local favorite, Celtic rockers Cutthroat Shamrock.

At 6:30 p.m. the evening Ceilidh (Concert) will feature Scottish, Irish and Appalachian Celtic performers featuring the internationally acclaimed Celtic band Coyote Run, the Knoxville Pipes and Drums, Scottish balladeer Colin Grant-Adams, Irish fiddle group The Martin Family Band, Highland Dancer Claire Macmillan, and Irish Step Dancer Katie Carver. The evening ends with the Lone Piper playing bagpipes at the top of the Town dike. "The Dandridge Scots-Irish Festival is known nationally for its high quality entertainment, vendors, and quaint downtown atmosphere," said Tina Murrow, Director of Main Street Dandridge. "East Tennessee residents look forward to attending this Festival each year because it offers a free, fun and unique learning experience for the entire family. " Festival Entertainment Chairman Mark Murray says:"We are proud to present an entertainment lineup that truly offers something for everyone - from dancing and piping to nationally known performers of both modern and traditional Celtic music."

Please visit the Festival website at www.Scots-Irish.org for complete details on entertainer bios and schedules, dance and piping entry forms, parking, contact and vendor information, and sponsor packages.

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