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# Press Release

## The Celts are taking over Frederick!

**Frederick, Maryland** - Join us Saturday May 8, 2010 , from 10am to 7pm, for the Eleventh Annual Frederick Celtic Festival. The Festival will be held at the Frederick Fairgrounds in beautiful downtown Frederick, Maryland.

The day promises to bring the sights and sounds of the Celtic Nations to Frederick. Immerse yourself in the Highland Games and cheer for your favorite kilted Pro athletes. Highland Dancers will show off their skill and grace throughout the day – as will Irish Step and Scottish Country Dancers.

Day-long entertainment includes **A Rose Between Two Thorns**, a tight-knit family band performing traditional and contemporary Celtic music! Also joining us will be **That Raucous Crew** – ensuring a great time with infectious songs from Ireland and Scotland, sung with great enthusiasm. Another bonus to our entertainment stage are local favorites **Moch Pryderi** and **Rant & Roar**. Moch Pryderi (Welsh for “Pryderi’s Pigs) is a six piece Celtic band firmly rooted in the traditional Brythonic music of Wales and Brittany – interwoven with traditional music from Ireland, Scotland and Turkey. Rant & Roar’s music will energize and reinvigorate your soul - they deliver ancient songs of the sea with the energy of a rockband.

Children can try their hands at Celtic-themed crafts and our annual Haggis Hunt – an exciting scavenger hunt through the Festival! Face painting, petting the Highland Cow and storming the castle also await the little ones.

Shop-til-you-drop with our vendors – showcasing fabulous Celtic and American pottery, clothing, jewelry, instruments, original artwork and much, much more. After you shop you can gain your strength back at one of our food vendors, featuring items from both sides of the ‘pond’. Swing by the Beer Garden for some favorite local brews by Flying Dog.

We also have Scottish Clans on hand to answer any questions you might have on Scottish history – including your own genealogy! Demonstrations of Drumming, Medieval Fighting and lifestyle, martial arts, soldiering and Irish Genealogy will also be available. And – don’t forget about the bagpipes! Some of the top Pipe Bands in the state will be there to stir you with the sounds of the Highlands.

This year we are proud to announce that a portion of our proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society! A new addition to the Festival, we have a community center with local non-profit organizations – stop by and check them out!

Admission to the Festival is \$15.00 for adults, children 12 and under are free. Parking is free, on the lot across the street from the Main Entrance. Only service dogs are allowed at the Frederick Fairgrounds, so please leave your furry friends at home. The Festival is held Rain or Shine. More information, ticket sales and schedules are available online at [www.sasmm.com](http://www.sasmm.com).

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