# YOUNG IRELANDERS

Sponsored by the Fr. Mychal Judge O.F.M. Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Triangle VA

From the Producer of "Women of Ireland"
Featuring Former Members of Riverdance and Lord of the Dance

# Saturday March 11th 8:00pm

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center 18825 Fuller Heights Rd, Triangle, VA (195 exit 150 A Marine Corps museum)

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This eight-member Irish music, song and dance troupe, uses authentic Celtic instruments. Fuses old world traditions with contemporary flare in an eclectic repertoire of Irish, World Jazz and Pop.

## About the Eight Young Irelanders:



**Joe Duffy, from Washington, DC** was named 2015 Man of the Year finalist by the International Irish Dancing Magazine. Highlights from Joe's career include performances at the White House, **Joe** Kennedy Center, Wolf Trap, Wembley Arena and on London's West End & Broadway where he performed with Michael Flatley and his hit show, *Lord of the Dance*. Joe is also an instructor at the Teelin School of Irish Dance where he has trained World Champions.



**Ayla Reid** began dancing at age 4 with the Ni Fhearraigh-'Ceallaigh school of dancing. Since becoming a professional dancer she has toured throughout Eastern Europe, Canada, Mexico, and the US including a run on Broadway with Michael Flatley's hit show, *Lord Of The Dance*. Ayla has received several world championship medals during her competitive career.

### **About The Eight Young Irelanders (continued)**



**Laura Callaghan** A classical pianist since the age of 7, Laura was introduced at the age of 11 to the world of Traditional Irish Music. Whether on banjo, mandolin, piano, guitar or vocals, Laura is vastly developing a reputation both as a singer, songwriter and a multi-instrumentalist and has performed extensively across Ireland, Europe, the United States & Canada. She has won several national titles and is quickly becoming known as one of the most respected female guitarists playing traditional Irish music today.



**Jayne Pomplas**, a native of Bath, New York, grew up immersed in music. Beginning classical violin from the age of three. she progressed onto traditional Irish music in her early teenage years under the tutelage of the Brian Conway and Tony DeMarco, two icons of the New York Sligo style of fiddle playing. She moved to Dublin and has been pursuing a career as a full time musician with great delight.



**Eoghan Ó Ceannabháin** is a flute player, concertina player, and sean-nós singer from Dublin. From a musical family, he learned to sing from his father, Peadar member and was immersed in the Dublin music scene from a very young age. Eoghan is a founding of the band Skipper's Alley, winners of the Trophée Loic Raison at the Festival Interceltique de Lorient, and whose début album was released in 2014 to great acclaim. Eoghan has toured extensively with Skipper's Alley in Canada and Europe. Eoghan is also a consummate composer.



**Hugh Kennedy**, a native of Cork City with musical roots coming from both sides of the family. A versatile musician, Hugh has been making quite a name for himself as Ireland's next generation of very talented button accordion players while he also known for his performances on tin whistle and bodhrán. Hugh is also a noted music teacher in the Dublin area.



**Barry Lyons** is a much-respected performer on fiddle, guitar and bodhran. He has delighted audiences in auditoriums across China, Russia, USA, Mexico, Canada and Europe with a variety of artists and is founding member of the very popular group, Bonny Men. Barry also holds a degree in Irish and History from University College Dublin and a Masters Degree in Traditional Irish Music Performance from the University of Limerick.



**Ian Kinsella**, from Newbridge in Co. Kildare began playing music at the age of eleven. Although he later qualified as a Sports Scientist and a primary school teacher Ian maintained his interest in music until he decided to approach his main passion full time at the age of 26. Since then he has toured extensively and recorded with many stalwarts in the Irish music business.

### HISTORY THE YOUNG IRELANDERS

Each and every year the Irish Cultural Academy brings together some of its finest exponents of Irish traditional music, song and dance as part of one terrific group known as The Young Irelanders.

These performers have Irish traditional music, song & dance running through their veins. and although still in their 20's and 30's, they are unique amongst their peers in Ireland. They are world and Irish national champions in their disciplines while some are also holders of Masters Degrees in Music.

Following a four-month tour of North America, The Young Irelanders will undertake a twomonth tour of China followed by several dates across Europe.

If you want to see and hear what Ireland's traditions of music, song & dance look and sound like in the hands of some of the most talented young performers in the world then don't miss the opportunity to get to see this sensational act. The future of Ireland's culture is



undoubtedly in safe hands with The Young Irelanders.

Members of the Irish Cultural Academy have performed across 6 continents and for many heads of state, Presidents of Ireland, U.S. Presidents and royalty such as Prince Albert of Monaco. Members have also performed at Beijing Opera House, Sydney Opera House, the Kremlin State Palace in Moscow, the US Capitol Building, The Kennedy and Lincoln Centers amongst many other internationally recognized venues.

### About the Fr. Mychal Judge, O.F.M. Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians

Fr. Mychal Judge, OFM Division was established in 2012, by the efforts of Michael Creegan, Past State President Bruce Denault, and Fr. Kevin Downey, OFM. The division is name after Fr. Mychal Judge, OFM. Fr. Judge was a chaplain of the New York City Fire Department, and was killed doing his work at the World Trade Center command center, when Tower 1 went down and sent a piece of rubble through the command center, killing him. Fr. Mychal Judge was a Franciscan Friar of Holy Name Province.

Our mission as an Ancient Order of Hibernians Division is to:

- Provide and promote Irish Culture and products, helping to develop broader knowledge of Irish History and heritage. Each meeting includes a discussion of Irish history.
- Promote fair immigration policies in the US for Irish (and other) immigrants.
- Act against defamation of the Irish, and Irish stereotypes in advertising, media, and other forms
- Promote a peaceful, just and complete reunification of Ireland
- Practice charity and perform charitable works
- Defend and promote the Catholic fair, and preserve the liberty to practice our faith

| <ul> <li>Build camaraderie and unity among our members</li> <li>division is a non-profit fraternal organization and raises funds through donations, and various fund raising act</li> <li>tivities such as the Young Irelanders concert</li> </ul> | ivities. |
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