

Celebrate an Irish Rovers' Christmas at Stockton Performing Arts Center on Dec. 6

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Galloway, NJ - Fueled by passion, talent, history and song, the musical legacy of The Irish Rovers continues to lead the way for many of today's folk and Celtic musicians. Don't miss their joyful celebration of Christmas at the Stockton Performing Arts Center on **Sunday, Dec. 6**. For those who don't know, The Rovers recorded the novelty song "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer."

Show time is 2 p.m. Tickets are \$32 and may be ordered online at www.stockton.edu/pac or by calling the Box Office at (609) 652-9000. The Box Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 90 minutes before the performance. For group sales, call (609) 652-4786.

The Irish Rovers have charmed and entertained audiences around the world with their exciting stage shows for nearly 50 years. The past year has seen them excite yet another generation by returning to the radio airwaves, expanding their visibility on YouTube and returning to the small screen with two television specials in the last two years.

"Like the famous Bushmills Irish Whiskey, The Irish Rovers continue to improve with age," raved CHIN 97.9 Gaelic Hour in 2011.

In addition to original members George Millar and Wilcil McDowell, the group includes John Reynolds and Sean O'Driscoll, who have been playing with the band for near 25 years. Will Millar left the group in 1994, and sadly Jimmy Ferguson passed away in 1997. In 2005, Joe Millar retired to the golf course while his son, Ian, took up the family ranks. All members hail from Ireland.

The Irish Rovers are still passionate about performing and will continue to tour and entertain their legions of fans.

The Irish Rovers recently released, "Drunken Sailor" CD (Rover Records), and the

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DVD/television special, "The Irish Rovers Christmas." The release of the CD was spurred on by over five million online hits of their usual show-closer, Drunken Sailor. As well as featuring the title track, the album includes the single, "Whores and Hounds" as well as a tribute to the great ship Titanic on its 100th anniversary.

On their last two "Sold Out" concert tours the band garnered rave reviews, attracted the attention of a younger audience and were touted in the media as "internet sensations." They have attracted multi-million YouTube fans, revamped their website, uploaded more videos to YouTube and are active on Facebook and Twitter. As Global TV stated, "They're getting a new generation of fans, so in their case, you can teach an old dog new tricks!"

For patrons with special needs, the **Stockton Performing Arts Center** offers wheelchair accessible seating, large type programs and listening assistive devices. Please identify any needs you may have when making a reservation.

The Stockton Performing Arts Center, the Jersey Shore's Center for the Arts, is located on the campus of Stockton University, on Vera King Farris Drive, off Jimmie Leeds Road, in Galloway Township. Just 12 miles west of Atlantic City, the center is easily accessible from the Garden State Parkway and the Atlantic City Expressway.

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