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Danú

TRADITIONAL MUSIC OF IRELAND

Muireann Nic Amhlaobh, Lead Vocals, Flute and Whistles

Benny McCarthy, Button Accordion

Oisín McAuley, Fiddle and Backing Vocals

Eamon Doorley, The Irish Bouzouki

Donal Clancy, Guitar, Lead and Backing Vocals

Martin O'Neill, Bodhran (Irish Drum)

Saturday, March 3, 2012

Yardley Hall

Johnson County Community College

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Repertoire will be selected from the following and announced from the stage.

Tonight's performance will have a 15-minute intermission.

Program

“Clancy’s Farewell to Whiskey/An Dro des Petits Bateaux”

Donal Clancy/Traditional/Arranged by Danú

The first tune of this piece was composed by Donal Clancy, the band’s guitarist. The second is a beautiful Breton dance tune that we arranged as a lullaby. We got this from a great musician named Ronan Pellen from Brittany in France. Brittany is also a Celtic region.

“The Highest Hill in Sligo”

Traditional / Arranged by Danú

The first reel comes from Sligo and the second reel is a composition of Oisín McAuley. We finish the set with a tune called “Reichwalls Forest,” a tune we learned from Jerry Holland who lives in Cape Breton in Canada.

“Cailín na nÚrla Donn”

Traditional/Arranged by Danú

Learned from Seosaimhín Ní Bheaglaíoch, it is a macaronic song - which means the lyrics are in two languages, Irish and English, in this case. It is often heard in South Kerry.

“Murphy’s Hornpipe, Lord Gordon’s Reel”

Traditional / Arranged by Danú

We have been performing both this hornpipe and reel for many years. “Lord Gordon’s” is a tune often associated with the playing of the great Sligo fiddler Michael Coleman who recorded it in New York in 1934.

“The Glen Cottage, John Brosnan’s, Peata an Mhaoir”

Traditional / Arranged by Danú

Irish polkas are mostly associated with the Munster region in Southern Ireland.

“The County Down”

Tommy Sands / Arranged by Danú

“The County Down” was written by Tommy Sands from Rostrevor in County Down. This song was voted Best Song at the 2004 BBC Folk Awards.

“Barn Dance Set/John Doherty’s/Round the House”

Traditional / Arranged by Danú

This is a great collection of different dance tune types, a barn dance, into a pipe march and finish on a great reel. These are favourites by the band for a number of years.

Program is subject to change

About Danú

Hailing from historic County Waterford, Danú is one of the leading traditional Irish ensembles of today. Their standing-room-only concerts throughout Ireland are true events featuring high-energy performances and a glorious mix of ancient Irish music and new repertoire.

For over a decade, Danú's virtuosi players on flute, tin whistle, fiddle, button accordion, bouzouki and vocals (Irish and English) have performed around the globe and recorded seven critically acclaimed albums. Their live DVD, *One Night Stand*, was filmed at Vicar St. Dublin. Winners of numerous awards from the BBC and *Irish Music Magazine*, Danú has toured throughout Europe, the Middle East and North America with stops at The Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles, Symphony Space in New York City, and major concert engagements in the United Kingdom, India and Israel. Danú takes its audiences on a musical journey to their native Ireland, offering a moving and memorable concert experience. Danú's popular recordings are available on the Shanachie label and live performances are often broadcast on NPR, the CBC and the BBC.

"...a vibrant mix of virtuosity, energy and empathy" - *The Washington Post*

"... (Danú) stirs the blood and lifts the heart" - *Irish Music Magazine*

"...fierce fiddle reels to pensive ballads" - *The New York Times*

Danú CDs and DVD are available in stores or online

Danú Debut (CD) 1997
Think Before You Think (CD) 2000
All Things Considered (CD) 2002
The Road Less Traveled (CD) 2003
Up in the Air (CD) 2004
When All Is Said and Done (CD) 2005
One Night Stand (DVD) 2005
Seanchas (CD) 2010

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