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Syracuse Irish Festival Announces Its Entertainment Lineup for the Main Stage
Musical Groups Include International Bands from Ireland and Canada

SYRACUSE – May 5, 2009 – National Recording Artists Gaelic Storm and The Young Dubliners are the headlining acts for the 2009 Syracuse Irish Festival. Also featured at this year's Festival are Seamus Kennedy, from Northern Ireland, The Prodigals, from New York City, The Kreelers, from Detroit, and Creevy, from Chicago. There is also a strong local contingent of artists including The Causeway Giants, The Freeborn Men, the Flying Column, and the Syracuse Irish Session.

At the Syracuse Irish Festival there will also be many performances by local Irish Schools of Dance, local Pipe Bands as well as many unique, interactive and family oriented cultural events and exhibits. The Festival's Traditional Stage Lineup will be announced at a later date.

The Syracuse Irish Festival will take place on September 11-12 in Clinton Square in downtown Syracuse. The Festival is free to all and is the largest free of charge Irish Festival in the Northeast attracting tens of thousands of people to downtown each year.

The musical lineup for the main stage is as follows:

<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	
The Flying Column	Irish Mass	The Dooley Choraliers
Seamus Kennedy	The Syracuse Irish Session	The Freeborn Men
The Kreelers	Creevy	Seamus Kennedy
Gaelic Storm	The Causeway Giants	The Prodigals
	The Young Dubliners	

Gaelic Storm (www.gaelicstorm.com) – It has now been more than a decade since Gaelic Storm's career lifted off with their appearance in the blockbuster film *Titanic*. Since their big-screen debut 10 years ago, the band's fan base continues to multiply with each new album, turning the one-time-pub-band into one of the premier touring acts in the Celtic/World music genre. Gaelic Storm's compelling originals and fresh arrangements steeped in Celtic traditional melody combined with their unique blend of world rhythms continue to broaden the musical horizons of the Celtic music genre creating new standards for generations to come. Highlights from their decade-spanning career include seven Billboard Chart

topping albums, a DVD, a full-length concert film featured on HD.net in 2007-2008, song placement on two EA Sports Games, a 2008 Hallmark greeting card featuring their song "Kiss Me I'm Irish", countless television and radio appearances, and of course, an appearance in James Cameron's *Titanic*. Gaelic Storm released their 7th album ***What's the Rumpus?*** (Lost Again Records) in July 2008 with a stellar debut at #1 on the Billboard World Album Chart, #1 on the iTunes World Album Chart and #5 on the Billboard Internet Album Chart.

The Young Dubliners (www.youngdubliners.com) – Seamlessly blending their rock and Celtic influences into a high energy, anthemic and lyrically poignant mix, the Young Dubliners jumps energetically from ballad to barn burner, documenting as they go the vibrant yet chaotic world they find themselves in. From edgy political tunes to the travails of life in an internationally touring band, The Young Dubliners are excited for the release of ***Saints and Sinners***, their second album on 429 Records--and first batch of original material since 2005's critically acclaimed ***Real World***. After taking an exciting retro, rootsy labor of love detour to give a shout out to the masters of Irish song past and present on their 2007 429 Records debut ***With All Due Respect, The Irish Sessions***, the Young Dubliners drew inspiration from the trials and tribulations of the past few years on the road where they have encountered their share of, to borrow from an Irish proverb, "poets and patriots, saints and sinners", for the new album.

The Prodigals (www.prodigals.com) - The Prodigals are one of the most successful bands to emerge from the East-Coast Irish scene. The band members grew up largely in Ireland; their original songs blend a funky and anarchic energy that is pure New York with a genuine passion for the traditional music of Ireland. They have played throughout the United States, from Los Angeles and Las Vegas to Chicago, Boston and Maine, as well as abroad in Canada, Germany and Ireland, but they remain firmly rooted in Manhattan. In addition to the recently released solo project by the band's founder Gregory Greene titled ***Flip Sides*** and the band's newest CD, ***Whisky Asylum***, The Prodigals music was prominently featured in the 2008 New Line released motion picture starring Edward Norton and Colin Farrell, [Pride and Glory](#).

Seamus Kennedy (www.seamus-kennedy.com) - Seamus Kennedy, originally from Belfast, Northern Ireland, has been entertaining audiences all over the United States for the past 32 years. With a ready wit and a vast store of songs, he travels from Alaska to Florida, Maryland to California, performing for audiences which range from Popes and presidents to bartenders and bricklayers, from college students to kindergartners. In concert or festival, in pub or club, in colleges or high schools, Seamus Kennedy has the repertoire and the ability to make folks forget their cares for a while, to relax and enjoy themselves.

The Causeway Giants (www.myspace.com/causewaygiants) - The Causeway Giants are a seven piece Celtic rock band from Syracuse, NY playing a mix of rock-influenced celtic music and celtic-influenced rock music. From traditional folk tunes played with an up-tempo twist, to punk and rock tunes using the sounds and instruments of celtic music, The Causeway Giants take good-time-havin pub-crawlin foot-stompin music very seriously.