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Three days of Sonora Celtic Magic in 09

Celebrating the cultures of Ireland, Scotland, Cornwall, and Wales with the 23rd Annual Sonora Celtic Faire located at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds in Sonora.

Sonora- The original magic returns to the Mother Lode Fairgrounds on March 13th, 14th, and 15th, 2009 for the 23rd Annual Sonora Celtic Faire! This year the faire will expand to three days of never ending excitement. Friday day March 13th, will celebrate Family Day with special discounted rates and entertainment for all ages to enjoy. Later that evening the Celtic Faire will pay tribute to its founder and CEO, Patrick Karnahan, with a blowout 50th birthday party. The party is open to the public and features four of the festivals headliner bands, special guests, and a wide selection of great appetizers.

As always, music will be the highlight of the weekend. This year's headliners include the Australian /Celtic sensation **Brother**, along with Celtic rockers **Need Fire, Tempest, and Wicked Tinkers**. Traditional Celtic groups include; the all women band **Banshee in the Kitchen, Nine Eights Irish Band, Golden Bough, Mic Lucy Irish Band, and the Black Irish Band**. The faire also features three full Scottish Pipe bands along with many solo Celtic performers and dancers.

Also on the schedule; is full contact jousting on horseback by knights in armor, Scottish Highland Games, Scottish & Irish modern clans, Sierra Spiral Dancers, Highland Scottish Dancers, The Stepp Sisters (Irish Dance), a historical village with 500 costumed re-enactors, longbow archery, street performers, a giant, Vikings, and a little Myth and Magic. **Now you know why it is called the Disneyland of Celtic Faires!**

The Celtic Faire will host over 80 Celtic craftsmen & artisans, along with 12 special food & drink vendors that will surely please every taste! Brought back by popular demand will be the **Scot's & Irish Whiskey Competition**. The best single malts and blends will be sampled and judged by the festivalgoers. We will also be featuring Guinness & Harp Ales on-tap like always. ***We also have great parking and shuttle bus service from the Sonora Wal-mart though downtown Sonora to the fairgrounds!***

The Celtic Faire starts Friday March 13th, with Family Day 9am to 3pm. This new addition features only family oriented entertainment and educational demonstrations. Tickets are \$5 for children and \$10 for adults

Friday Night Kick-off and 50th birthday party starts at 7pm-? The night features Wicked Tinkers, Need Fire, Brother, Black Irish, and some very of tasty appetizers –only \$30

On Saturday March 8th gates open at 10am and close at 10pm. Sunday March 9th gates open at 10am and close at 5pm. Saturday tickets are \$ 18.00 advance & \$24.00 gate. Sunday tickets are \$16.00 advance & \$20.00 gate. Children ages 6-12 are always \$10.00 (5 and under free).

A special **Everything Ticket** will be offered for all events, all three days for only \$50

For more information and ticket pricing go to www.sonoracelticfaire.com