

Banna Irish Duo to Perform at Cantigny's McCormick Museum on March 11

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day a wee bit early by attending this free event, the second in the 2012 McCormick Museum Concert Series

WHEATON, IL, February 13, 2012 — Cantigny Park's Robert R. McCormick Museum will host the Banna Irish Duo on Sunday, March 11, at 3 pm.

Tickets are free, but distribution is by lottery due to limited seating in the museum's historic Freedom Hall. **Those wishing to attend should call 630.260.8162 or email register@cantigny.org by March 2.** E-mails should include a phone number. Cantigny will draw 40 names and contact ticket recipients by March 7. Each winner will receive two tickets.

Banna Irish Duo's music is an appealing blend of rich voices, guitar and lively electronic accompaniment. Concert guests can expect a wide ranging performance, from hauntingly lovely ballads like "Wild Mountain Thyme" to rollicking Irish sing-a-longs such as "Whiskey in the Jar."

Banna consists of Mary Barrett and Paul Wood, who began playing Irish music together in 2001. The two share common roots in County Kerry, Ireland, and the name Banna derives from a favorite beach (Banna Strand) in the region.

The 2012 McCormick Museum Concert Series will continue on Sunday, April 15, with a performance by the Cadence Music Ensemble. All concerts in the series are free. Parking at Cantigny is \$5 per vehicle.

The McCormick Museum is open in February for complimentary guided tours. Hours in February are 10 am to 4 pm, Friday through Sunday. The museum returns to its usual Tuesday through Sunday tour schedule in March.

More information about Cantigny, including park hours, directions and details about upcoming events is online at Cantigny.org.

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About the Robert R. McCormick Museum

The McCormick Museum is a historic house museum interpreting the life and legacy of Colonel Robert R. McCormick, longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. It is located at Cantigny, the Colonel's 500-acre Wheaton (Illinois) estate that he left as a gift to the public. Cantigny Park, part of the Robert R. McCormick Foundations, is home to the McCormick Museum, First Division Museum, formal gardens, picnic grounds, walking trails and a Visitors Center with banquet and dining facilities. Cantigny Golf, adjacent to the park, features a 27-hole championship golf course, full-service clubhouse, Cantigny Golf Academy and the 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links.

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