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The KVMR Celtic Festival draws over 10,000 people to the Nevada County Fairgrounds for headline music and festivities on the first weekend in October. It's the biggest single fundraiser for community radio KVMR - a stunning event and a defining moment for the community.

Please contact me for a feature story on the event. I'll gladly provide press passes and line up advance interviews with headliners. LOTS of great photos available.

THANKS,

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WHO: Community Radio KVMR 89.5 FM

WHAT: 19th Annual KVMR Celtic Festival

WHEN: Friday, Saturday & Sunday, October 2-4

10:00 am to 10:00PM on Saturday

10:00 am to 8:00PM on Sunday

Seniors are admitted at 9:00 am on Sunday only for complimentary coffee, scones and preferred seating.

Friday, October 2, 4:00 to 7:00PM - FREE Youth Arts Program

7:30 to 11:00 – Ceilidh Dance

WHERE: Nevada County Fairgrounds

11228 McCourtney Rd, Grass Valley, CA 95949

TICKETS: \$12 - \$50, Camping and RV hookups are available

Tickets at <http://www.kvmr.org/celticfestival/tickets.htm>

or by calling 530-265-9073

Information at celtfest@kvmr.org or 530-265-9073

WEBPAGE: www.kvmrcelticfestival.org

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HIGH RESOLUTION PHOTOS - <http://kvmrcelticfestival.org/press-room/>

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The 19th annual KVMR Celtic Festival and Marketplace mixes Celtic music and magic October 2, 3 & 4 in Grass Valley, California at the Nevada County Fairgrounds, a bucolic setting on 100 acres among giant ponderosa pines. There are eight stages and performance areas. Our main stage hosts many of the best Celtic musicians on the world stage.

The Nevada County Fairgrounds is transformed into a Celtic Village and headline concert venue. World-famous Celtic musicians perform on our main stage to. Mainstage musical headliners for this year include Galician piper Carlos Nuñez, Irish squeeze box master Sharon Shannon, Irish sister quartet Screaming Orphans, Boston fiddler Hanneke Cassel, Irish singer/songwriters Cassie & Maggie MacDonald, Celtic rockers Dàimh, California duo Paul Kamm & Eleanore MacDonald, Sacramento's own One Eyed Reilly and many more.

Shopping and dining opportunities abound with over 50 vendors and a complete Irish Pub. Hundreds of regional performers, singers, bagpipers, actors, jugglers and storytellers roam the fairgrounds.

We will again be offering our Free Friday Youth Arts Program, giving local students ages 10-18 the opportunity to participate in workshops with headline performers. Also returning will be the Friday night Ceilidh – a Celtic party with music, dancing and revelry under the stars.

Musicians are encouraged to bring their instruments and join in with jam sessions and workshops scheduled throughout the weekend. History buffs can explore several encampments of "Guilds" who re-create points and places in time. Exciting and educational, the Celtic Animals exhibit houses falcons, eagles, hawks, owls, sheep and ponies.

Revelers make music into the night in the campgrounds complete with tall trees and a lake. Camping and RV hookups are available on-site.

Amateur and professional athletes test their strength and skill in Scottish Games. Children are kept engaged with arts and crafts, story telling, and romping on the straw bales.

We hope you and your family will join us for this year's KVMR Celtic Festival.

FREE YOUTH ARTS PROGRAM - Friday, October 2 from 4:00 to 7:00PM

The Celtic Festival's Friday Youth Arts Program has grown to be a wonderful afternoon of music, magic, dance and arts instruction for aspiring artists. Participants, ages 10-18, learn from world-class artists and festival headliners. Youth participants in the program can take 1-3 consecutive workshops of their choice.

The FREE program includes workshops and a discounted youth day pass for attendees.

FRIDAY NIGHT CEILIDH - Friday, October 2 from 7:30PM

This year the KVMR Celtic Festival will get a running start on Friday night with our first-ever Friday Night Ceilidh - an evening of Celtic music and dance featuring Reel of Seven and internationally acclaimed dance caller Linda Henderson.

Reel of Seven is considered one of the country's premier Celtic dance bands featuring Andy Imbrie on piano, fiddler Deby Benton Grosjean, cellist Renata Bratt, with percussionist Gary Campus keeping the beat. They've released two CDs and have collectively performed throughout USA and abroad.

There'll be line, circle, and couple dancing for all ages and abilities. No need to come with a partner - it's a great way to socialize and meet friends.

The Friday Night Ceilidh will be held at the Ponderosa Hall at the Nevada County Fairgrounds with indoor space for dancing, an outdoor deck with food and a full service pub, and beautiful garden space for relaxing and enjoying the evening.