Hi,

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 featuring hundreds of musicians performing on 8 stages along with camping, full-contact jousting, workshops, Renaissance guilds and more.

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 colorful high resolution photos are available.

THANKS,

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WHO: Community Radio KVMR 89.5 FM

WHAT: 20th Annual KVMR Celtic Festival

WHEN: Friday, Saturday & Sunday, September 30 through October 2
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, September 30, 3:45 to 7:00PM - FREE Youth Arts Program
7:30 to 9:30 – Royal Tournament & Gathering of the Clans
8:00 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
http://kvmrcelticfestival.org/press-room/

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HIGH RESOLUTION PHOTOS - http://kvmrcelticfestival.org/press-room/
LOTS of great photos available

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The 20th annual KVMR Celtic Festival and Marketplace mixes Celtic music and magic September 30 through October 2 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 Scottish fiddle/cello duo Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas, Celtic folk rockers The Elders, from Ireland The Jeremiahs, from British Colombia Jocelyn Pettit, festival favorites Molly's Revenge, Wake the Dead 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, September 30 from 3:45 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.

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ROYAL TOURNAMENT & GATHERING OF THE CLANS - New this year!

This year the three-day KVMR Celtic Festival will kick off the weekend with their first Royal Tournament & Gathering of the Clans. Chivalry and honor will reign on Friday, September 30 with a medieval tournament featuring full contact jousting, dancing horses, sword fights and hand to hand combat presented by the Imperial Knights. Honors to the winners will be presented by the King, Queen and their royal attendants.

The festivities will take place in the Nevada County Fairgrounds arena and will include pageantry and a parade with medieval clans and guilds in attendance vying for favors.

The Imperial Knights travel internationally and feature the expert horsemanship of Thomas and Andrea Montgomery. Exhibitions include hand to hand combat and the thrill and excitement of full contact jousting. The company uses authentic medieval weapons and armor along with colorful heraldry and costumes.

Heavy armor jousting was prominent in the 15th and 16th century. The purpose of the competition is for each competitor to try to dislodge the opponent from his/her horse. Armed with 13-foot-long lances, they gallop down the lists toward each other and score points by unseating their opponent or striking the shield.

The Imperial Knights will present jousting exhibitions on Saturday and Sunday at 3:00 pm in the Fairgrounds Arena.

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FRIDAY NIGHT CEILIDH - Friday, September 30 from 7:30PM
This year the KVMR Celtic Festival will get a running start on Friday night with our Friday Night Ceilidh - an evening of Celtic music and dance.

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.