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Singer, songwriter and historian Frank Blair returns

Newport, OR - Singer, songwriter and Celtic historian Frank Blair returns to Newport on Saturday, March 15, at the Shilo Inn.

He is a recent addition to the entertainment portion of the 2nd annual Shamrock Supper hosted by the Celtic Heritage Alliance. Tickets for this event are \$35 and include a full evening of entertainment, trivia and traditional Irish supper.

Growing up in the mid-west Frank is the product of a confluence of Irish, Scottish, English, and American Southern tradition. He was drawn early to the powerful storytelling traditions and intricate arrangements of American roots music and bluegrass. Stepping into Irish and Scottish traditional music, the musical forerunners of those American styles, was a natural progression. Now he brings the storytelling traditions together with historical background to paint nuanced, intimate panoramas of human experience with a matching soundtrack.

Between 1986 and 2004, Frank was a founding member of three Midwestern bands that forged a unique sound from a Celtic base and applied their myriad influences: Emerald Skye, Gabriel's Gate, and Cavan.

Frank anchored each providing lead vocals, song research and arrangements, and masterful guitar and bouzouki accompaniment. Not confining themselves to just the Irish and Scottish genres, one could hear elements of Balkan, Scandinavian, Middle-Eastern, and European Classical traditions in their selections and arrangements. Each were favorites at festivals and concert settings through the Midwest and Southwest and known for their driving, wide-ranging, powerful arrangements of dance tunes and elegant arrangements of songs, featuring Frank's vocals. Samples of Frank's music can be found at www.frankblair.com.

Gabriel's Gate and Cavan also gave creative outlet to several composers, including Frank, who contributed many original songs and tunes to the repertoire. Blessed with a voice of great richness and range, Frank is known for his deft vocal performances as well as his driving and creative work on bouzouki and guitar.

Now transplanted to the Pacific Northwest, Frank performs both solo and in small ensembles bringing his formidable talents to bear on elegant settings of his favorites in the tradition as well as new, original work and has played at the annual Celtic Festival and Highland Games.

Just one of many events hosted by the Celtic Heritage Alliance (a 501(c)3 charitable non-profit) the Shamrock Supper is CHA's last fundraising event before the fourth annual Newport Celtic Festival and Highland Games, scheduled for June 13-15, 2014 at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. All events are mission focused to promote and preserve Celtic culture on the Oregon coast through creating opportunities for experiencing the Celtic arts.

For event details, or to purchase tickets online, visit www.newportcelticfestival.com

Tickets by phone; call 541-961-7696

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Connect with your Irish heritage with the Celtic Heritage Alliance during its 2nd annual fundraiser: the "Shamrock Supper" on Saturday, March 15th at 6:30 pm at the Shilo Inn Ballroom in Newport. Lovers of the Emerald Isle: come together for traditional fare, music, Irish dancing, the best of Yeats and an Irish Whiskey tasting as an extra treat.

For tickets, visit Newport-Celtic-Festival-dot-com, or call 541-961-7696

Let the shenanigans begin!
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