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Celebrating the Emerald Month of March with Danu, Mar. 15

Traditional Irish Musicians return to Carpenter Center for St. Patrick's Day Celebration

LONG BEACH, California — On Thursday, March 15 at 8 pm, the Carpenter Performing Arts Center, located on the campus of Cal State Long Beach, presents a musical journey through Ireland in a moving and memorable concert experience by one of the leading traditional Irish ensembles Danú in a St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

Known for high-energy performances, Danú blends the ancient music of Ireland with a new repertoire in a glorious mix of contemporary Irish sound. Springing onto the scene two decades ago at the Lorient Inter-Celtic Festival in Brittany, France, the ensemble has since recorded seven critically acclaimed albums, won numerous awards from the BBC and Irish Music Magazine, and performed worldwide including at The Hollywood Bowl in 2012 and the Carpenter Center in 2015. A whirlwind of epic and enchanting traditional Irish music, Danú has captured the imagination and loyalty of fans worldwide with performances that the *Los Angeles Times* calls, "compellingly original."

The band that hails variously from counties Waterford, Dublin, Donegal, and Cork, comes to Long Beach as part of their current US tour with new band member Nell Ní Chróinín, the award-winning vocalist who joined Danú in 2016. Singing in Gaelic and English, Nell is a specialist in traditional Celtic music known as "sean-nós" and has teamed up with the veteran troupe of virtuosic flute, tin whistle, button accordion, and bouzouki players. From rousing jigs, reels, and hornpipes, to gentle waltzes and haunting ballads, Danú celebrates St. Patrick's Day in their second appearance at the Carpenter Center. In celebration of the famous Irish holiday, the Carpenter Center will be serving Guinness Beer, available for purchase at the bar, that night only.

Single tickets for Danú *St. Patrick's Day Celebration* start at \$45. For tickets and more information, visit CarpenterArts.org or call the Carpenter Center Ticket Office at (562) 985-7000. This series is made possible in part by Season Media Partner KPCC 89.3-FM.

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What: **Danú St. Patrick's Day Celebration**

When: **Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 8 PM**

Where: **Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center**
6200 Atherton St.
Long Beach, CA 90815

Tickets: **Starting at \$45**
Parking is available for \$8

Ticket Office: **(562) 985-7000, www.CarpenterArts.org**
Box Office Hours are Monday-Friday 10 am – 5 pm and one hour before all performances.

Additional Information and tickets available at the Carpenter Center's website: www.CarpenterArts.org