Get your Irish on at 26th annual Irish Fest

Gala includes two days of music, food, brew and dancing.

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Irish Fest celebrates its 26th season of green fun in West Palm Beach this weekend. Held on the downtown waterfront, the fest offers music acts for young and old sensibilities, high-stepping dancers, kid activities and Irish food and brew.

Best deal: It's only \$5 to get in. And kids are free. So, get your Irish on and start your St. Patrick's Day celebration early. Here's the line-up:

Saturday

Noon: Suzuki School of Music

1 p.m.: Fire in the Kitchen **2:30 p.m.:** The Young

Wolfetones 3:30 p.m.: Noel Kings-

4:30 p.m.: Tir Na **Greine Dancers** 5 p.m.: Kathy Durkin

6 p.m.: Screaming Or-

8 p.m.: Aranmore Irish

IRISH FEST

Where: Meyer Amphitheatre, Datura and Flagler, downtown waterfront, West Palm Beach When: Saturday, noon-11 p.m.; Sunday, noon - 8 p.m.; Gaelic Mass, Sunday 11 a.m. Admission: \$5 (kids under 14 free) Info: 800-882-ERIN or 954-946-1093

8:30 p.m.: The Young Wolfetones

Sunday 11 a.m.: Gaelic Mass -

Fr. Tom Flynn Noon: Sharon and Pat Burke Band

1 p.m.: Noel Kingston 2 p.m.: Screaming Or-4 p.m.: Tir Na Greine

Dancers **4:30 p.m.:** The Young Wolfetones

6:30 p.m.: La Hinch







Irish Fest performers include (clockwise

Warfield and the Young Wolfetones and the

from top): Screaming Orphans, Derek

Tir Na Greine Dancers.

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BOCA RATON

Literature, dance, music under big tent

Festival of the Arts Boca has something for everyone.

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It's the county's firstrate fine arts festival, a cornucopia of music, dance and literature, all under a big tent in Mizner Park and surrounding areas. It's Festival of the

It opened last night with a performance by classical master Itzhak Perlman, but there are still plenty of reasons to go through March 15, including performances by jazz trumpeter Arturo Sandoval and pop-opera group Forte, and lectures/readings from Anna Deaveare Smith, Doris Kearns Goodwin and James Fallows.

Here are some of the highlights:

Tonight

■ 7:30 p.m., Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company performs with live chamber ensemble (Amphitheater)

Saturday

■ 4 p.m., Author James Fallows on "How Shall We Think About China?" (Cultural Arts Center)

■ 7:30 p.m., Jazz treasure Arturo Sandoval, with The Henry Mancini Institute Orchestra and Monica Mancini in a tribute to Dizzy Gillespie (Amphitheater)

Sunday

■ 7 p.m., "Eternal

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 Great Food 8

Drink
• Children's

Entertainment Irish Dancer

Marketplace

• Dublin Pub



Forte — (from left) Josh Page, Sean Panikkar and Fernando Varela — will be on stage March 15. CONTRIBUTED



Author Doris Kearns Goodwin will discuss her book — "The Bully Pulpit" on Thursday. CONTRIUBTED BY



Anna Deavere Smith will be at the festival on Tuesday. CONTRIBUTED BY CBS

Echoes" with Itzhak Perlman, violinist, and Yitzchak Meir Helfgot, chief cantor of Park East Synagogue, with members of the Klezmer Con-

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Tuesday

■ 7 p.m., Author-actress Anna Deavere Smith on "Reclaiming Grace In The Face Of Adversity" (Cultural Arts Center)

Wednesday

■ 7 p.m., Author Geraldine Brooks on "The Art Of The Historical Novel" (Cultural Arts Center)

Thursday

■ 7 p.m., Author Doris Kearns Goodwin on her new book "The Bully Pulpit: Theodore Roosevelt And William Howard Taft" (Amphitheater)

Friday, March 14

■ 7:30 p.m., Cirque de la Symphonie with Festival Orchestra Boca (Amphitheater)

Saturday, March 15

■ 7:30 p.m., Forte (Amphitheater)

Saturday

MARCH 8

Noon-11pm

Sunday MARCH 9

Noon-8pm

Gaelic Mass

11:00 am Sunday

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March 15 When: Mizner Park, Boca Raton **Tickets and** information: 561-368-8445 or www. festivalofthearts boca.org

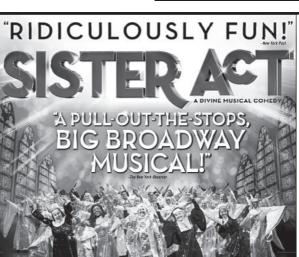
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