

Mandolin Player To Play Irish Music At Gas Station Coffeehouse

Internationally renowned mandolin player, Patrick O'Flaherty will bring the music of his native Connemara, Ireland, to the Gas Station Coffeehouse Theater Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25, from 7-11 p.m.

O'Flaherty is one of the select few practitioners of the "Irish" mandolin. He also plays tenor banjo, button accordion and harmonica. He has played to audiences around the world, including Pope John Paul II, President Reagan, and President Herzog of Israel.

O'Flaherty currently works with Irish-American balladeer Betsy McGovern. They are a part of a larger group known as The Poor Clares, dubbed "the surprise hit of the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival." Over the past 20 years, O'Flaherty has recorded 20 albums. Visitors to Antietam National Battlefield Park hear O'Flaherty's voice backing up the narration of the introductory film that describes the bloodiest day of the American Civil War.

The cover charge is \$8 each night and coffee and Irish treats will be served at the Jemez Springs version of "a good old-fashioned Irish party." For more information, call 829-4037.

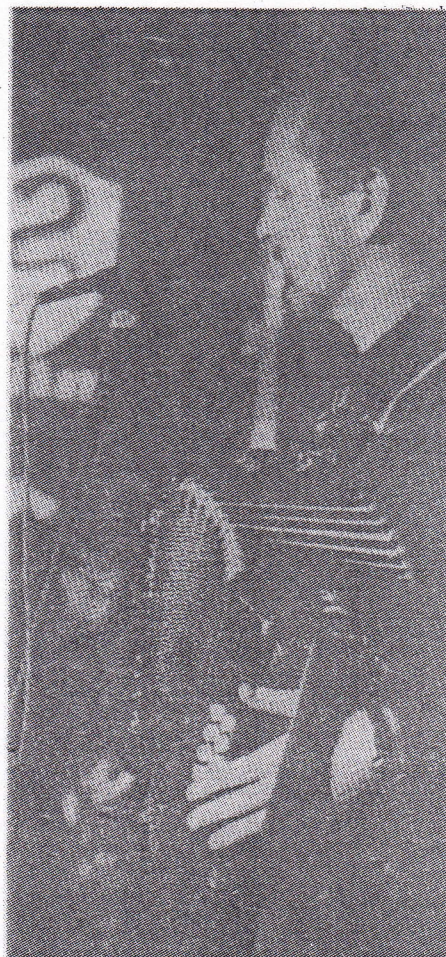


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PATRICK O'FLAHERTY - Will be playing tunes from his native Ireland on July 24 and 25 at the Gas Station Coffeehouse and Theatre.