



'Irish House Party' coming to Crystal Lake's Raue Center

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Raue Center for the Arts invites you to "The Irish House Party," returning to Crystal Lake for a second year.

This show played to a sold-out crowd in 2012 and the group is back for more at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25. Irish music and dance shows often conjure up images of flat caps, waist coats and comely maidens dancing at the crossroads. The Irish House Party is a welcome antidote to these often cheesy portrayals of Irish music and culture. Don't miss the party you'll be talking about all year long.

The show is hosted by All-Ireland champion musicians, dancers and entertaining presenters who create this Irish experience in its proper homely setting resulting in an exciting new theatergoing experience. This fresh approach has made the show hugely popular with both Irish and international audiences with sellout shows in Dublin. The whole idea is creating an atmosphere where guests can be entertained and educated about the music. There is no distance between the performers and the guests. Just like a proper Irish house party.

The Irish House Party producers, Declan Quinn and Gerry Nolan, also perform, and Declan's father plays the button key accordion in the show. Like many traditional musicians in Ireland, they've been to numerous traditional house parties and felt it was time to bring this unique experience to the stage.

Don't miss the best party in town. Tickets are \$20. Purchase tickets online at www.rauecenter.org, or via the box office at 26 N. Williams St. or by calling (815) 356-9212.

Interested in getting the party started early? Head to Le Petit Marche for authentic Irish cuisine before the show. Call (815) 477-3296 or check out www.petitmarche.biz for more information.

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