

ADAMS COUNTY IRISH FESTIVAL

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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**International Recording Artist to Perform at Adams County Irish Festival**

Ireland's Derek Warfield, Leader of the Legendary Wolfe Tones, Headlines Adams County Irish Festival Entertainment Card

**WHO:**

Recording Artist, Songwriter and Historian **Derek Warfield** from County Kildare, Ireland and his Sons of Erin band headline a full day of Irish Music. Warfield is a major player in the Irish music scene having written and recorded over 60 ballads and having led the legendary Irish musical group, The Wolfe Tones. Warfield's repertoire includes *A Nation Once Again* of which The Wolfe Tones version was voted the world's most popular song in a 2002 BBC Network World Service poll beating selections by bands such as The Beatles. Warfield's Irish "rebel" songs were recently banned from in-flight entertainment on Aer Lingus trans-Atlantic flights this year after a complaint by a unionist politician.

**WHAT:**

Held rain or shine, the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Adams County Irish Festival features a full day of traditional Irish music and dance along with a Civil War Living History Encampment. A keen student of Irish-American history, this is Warfield's first-ever appearance in the area of the Civil War's most famous battle. Several other local and regional performers will be appearing also.

**WHEN:**

Saturday July 19, 2003; Festival runs from 10:30 AM – 8:00 PM

Derek Warfield will lecture on the history of Irish music in the Civil War from 10:30-11:30 AM;

Derek Warfield & The Sons of Erin will perform from 4-6 PM.

**WHERE:**

The festival is held at the Gettysburg Moose Park, 100 Moose Road in Straban Township east of Gettysburg, PA. Moose Road is off of US 30 about 1.6 miles east of the US 15 interchange.

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