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NEWS ADVISORY

Irish Music Greats Danny Doyle and Derek Warfield Co-Headline Fifth Annual Adams County Irish Festival Benefit in Historic Gettysburg, PA

Pre-festival CD Release Party in Gettysburg Celebrates Derek Warfield's Third Civil War Music Album, *The Bonnie Blue Flag*

WHAT:

Held rain or shine, the **Fifth Annual Adams County Irish Festival** features a full day of family fun with traditional Irish music, dance, food and arts/crafts along with living history portrayals and music workshops. The music slate features international recording artists **Danny Doyle** and **Derek Warfield** along with several other regional performers. The festival benefits the Children's Friendship Project for Northern Ireland, a peace and friendship building program for Catholic and Protestant teens from Northern Ireland. The Adams County Irish Festival is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

WHO:

A native of Dublin, "Ireland's Balladeer" **Danny Doyle** has been bringing the ballads, history and stories of Ireland to audiences around the globe for over 30 years. As a folksinger, Doyle has enjoyed tremendous success both in Ireland and the U.S. with a number of hit records, TV series, a movie soundtrack and every major Irish music industry award to his credit.

Also from Dublin, recording artist, songwriter and historian **Derek Warfield** was a founding member and leader of the legendary Irish folk band, the Wolfe Tones for over 35 years. He has written and recorded over 60 songs and ballads. 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 is now becoming known as the bard of the American Civil War as his recent work focuses on the Civil War which involved half a million Irishmen on both sides. Warfield's latest album, *The Bonnie Blue Flag*, is the third in his series of Civil War CDs and showcases the musical story of the Confederate Irish. With Gettysburg as an appropriate backdrop to celebrate the release of the new album, a special pre-festival Reception/CD Release Party is being held the night before the festival. The reception is free and open to the public.

WHEN:

The **festival** is on **Saturday July 17, 2004** from 10:30 AM – 8:00 PM at the Gettysburg Moose Park. Derek Warfield will lecture on the history of Irish music in the Civil War from 10:30-11:30 AM; Danny Doyle performs from 2:30-3:30 PM; Derek Warfield & The Sons of Erin will perform from 5:30-6:30 PM. The pre-festival **Reception/CD Release Party** will be held at the Gettysburg Hotel on **Friday July 16** at 7:00 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. The pre-festival **Reception/CD Release Party** will be held at the **Gettysburg Hotel**, One Lincoln Square in downtown Gettysburg.

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