

Music

Craicmore

Quad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center

Saturday, March 14, 7 p.m.



I know, I know ... St. Patrick's Day falls on a Tuesday this year, and you're having a hard time rationalizing an evening of rollicking Irish celebration when, the following Wednesday, you'll have to get up for work at the crack of dawn. Join the club.

Thankfully, though, Quad City Arts is giving us all the chance to celebrate early with a public performance by Craicmore, the fiery Celtic musicians here as the latest Quad City Arts Visiting Artists. Playing the new Quad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center on Saturday, March 14, the group promises to live up to its moniker - a combination of "craic," the Irish word for "fun," and the Anglicization of "mór," the Irish word for "big" - with the driving rhythms of guitar, bass, Bohdran drum, whistles, flutes, and, of course, bagpipes.

Formed in 1992, and drawing on the traditional music of Ireland and Scotland, Craicmore has toured extensively over the past decade-plus - recently performing a 14-concert engagement in Shanghai, China - and has earned critical praise for its recent CD release, *too bad for heaven,*

too good for hell ...

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called it "a rich, absorbing listening experience from the get-go," and

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raved about the CD's "wonderfully harmonious Gaelic vocals" and "crisp instrumental sets."

Yet no Celtic celebration worth its salt would be complete without a few Celtic dance moves, and Craicmore's concert event will also feature the exhilarating sight of traditional hard-shoe dancing, with steps performed by group vocalist Nancy Johnston, whose biography lists her as "possibly the only living person ever to fall asleep at a Jimi Hendrix concert." Smart of her to add that "living" there, 'cuz I'm betting Hendrix himself conked out once or twice

Tickets to Craicmore's public concert are \$12 and can be reserved by calling (309)794-7306; for more information on Quad City Arts' Visiting Artist series, visit QuadCityArts.com .

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