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Irish Traditional Music

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The traditional Irish music trio, *Legacy*, will kick off their fourth summer tour of Michigan this July. The band hails from the Deep South (New Orleans & Jackson, Mississippi) but they are always eager to take their annual trek up North.

“We so much look forward to visiting Michigan every year. It's great to have the opportunity to play in so many of the same places that Michiganders like to vacation. It's absolutely beautiful country, and the South has *nothing* over Michigan in terms of hospitality!” says fiddler Valerie Plested. “Folks up here in Michigan really appreciate our music.” Maybe that's true in part because Michigan has strong Irish roots dating back to the frontier days. “Irish names are found all over Michigan--not just in the phone book but in the road signs!” (like Antrim, Clare, Roscommon & Wexford Counties). This summer, *Legacy* will make 12 appearances from Detroit to Mackinac Island during their 10-day tour of the state.

Legacy has drawn the enthusiastic attention of Irish music fanatics wherever they play. Their music is a fine mix of instrumentals and songs from the Irish tradition. Their skill is undeniable, their arrangements complex and challenging, and their performances tight and energetic. Said *Dirty Linen* magazine: "This band fills the bill....a delicate combination of full-speed-ahead attack and subtle finesse."

For the summer of 2007, the band is performing in the classic power trio format (*An Triréad*). **Valerie Plested** (fiddle) is among the finest and most expressive young talents in the Southwest's Celtic scene. An exceptional musician, **Justin Murphy's** (flute, whistles, guitar, bodhrán, vocals) powerful tone on the flute and swaggering rhythm have been compared to such contemporary notables as Seamus Egan and Frankie Kennedy. At the heart of this trio configuration, **Don Penzien's** DADGAD guitarwork provides the solid, driving rhythms that have long been a hallmark of *Legacy* performances.

Len Holton, Director of the *Little Rock Folk Club*, said:

“This trio configuration has required some shift in the tasks undertaken by the various members, and to this challenge arose the already well-respected multi-instrumentalist, Justin Murphy. Blessed with a robust tenor voice, Justin proves equally dexterous with the stringed instrument as on the wind instruments and creates new space for the other members to contribute down new avenues to the customary *Legacy* sound of lush excellence. Given that Justin is taking on a role frequently adorned by nightingale-voiced/vocal power-house Betsy McGovern, you might be well impressed by this transition!” “Annual favourites at the North Texas Irish Festival for the past 15 years, *Legacy* are in the top flight of bands performing music from the Irish tradition, their loyal following regionally is both well-earned and well-deserved, and, in their current trio formation, underscores handsomely the veracity of the 'less is more' maxim.”

Legacy's latest album, *An Triréad* ("the trio") was recorded in New Orleans (pre-Hurricane Katrina) and in Alexandria, Virginia (post-Hurricane Katrina). This lengthy album includes no fewer than 16 tracks--10 tune tracks and 6 song tracks--featuring all new arrangements of high-energy dance music and songs from the Irish tradition. Said reviewer Curt Marcus, "I have been listening to this new CD for hours on end, and it's really been a pleasure. The only thing better is *Legacy* live" (SCMA Ceili Vol. 26#2).

A full listing of *Legacy's* tour dates and venues is available at: <http://www.LegacyIrishMusic.com/Calendar.htm>

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