

Press Release

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On Friday, August 11, The Ohio Celtic Festival will throw open its gates, offering free admission for all. The fest is teaming up with the Palumbo Ohio Firefighters Foundation and the Police Memorial Society in support of their efforts to raise money for their injured and disabled fellow officers.

Instead of admission, local firefighters and police officers will be at the gates collecting donations. "The free admission Friday Night at the Ohio Celtic Festival is our way of providing support for those who serve and protect each and every one of us every day," said Festival Director Patrick Coyne.

Firefighters will be collecting for a special cause. Their share of donations will go to the Palumbo Ohio Firefighters Foundation. The Palumbo Ohio Firefighters Foundation was established earlier this year in honor of Michael Palumbo. Michael was a captain with the Beachwood Fire Department since 1992 and is the namesake of Ohio's Michael Louis Palumbo Jr. Act, which provides presumptive workers compensation for firefighters diagnosed with occupational cancers. Proceeds from this event will be used in part for the expenses of Willoughby Firefighter Seamus Culligan, who is currently battling the same disease and the Michael Palumbo Family.

This year's festival features one of the most exciting musical line-ups to date, a full complement of Celtic and American foods, and a wide selection of beverages anchored by Guinness beer stations. The park will pulse with the music of the Off Kilter, The Fenians, The American Rogues, The Gothard Sisters, Emmet Cahill, Makem & Clancy, Keith Harkin and more.

The N.E.Ohio music scene will be well represented by super talented performers including The New Barleycorn, Brigid's Cross, No Strangers Here, Mossy Moran, Mad Macs plus internationally acclaimed schools of dance and award-winning marching bands.

The Ohio Celtic Festival will take place at Classic Park in Eastlake, OH. Festival hours are Friday 5:00 pm to 11:30 pm. On Saturday, Noon to 11:30 pm. On Sunday, everyone who brings two non-perishable food items for the local food bank between 10 am and Noon will receive free admission. Festival closes at 8:00 pm on Sunday.

The Ohio Celtic Festival is sponsored in part by The Lake County Arts and Cultural Funding Program, The City of Eastlake, Ohio Savings Bank, Mutsko Insurance Services, Miller Lite, Koumbaro's Catering, Summit Painting, Health Market, IGS, Wickliffe Auto Body, Fiona's Coffee Bar and Bakery, The Insurance Office, Smithwick's and the Lake County Captains.

For more information, ticket prices and entertainment schedules please visit the festival website at [www.ohiocelticfest.com](http://www.ohiocelticfest.com) or contact Patrick Coyne at [pcoyne68@gmail.com](mailto:pcoyne68@gmail.com).