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“Pipes in the Valley” Offers Free Fun for the Family!

Hartford, CT – Ceilidh, anyone?! Ceilidh (pron: kay’lee) is the Gaelic word for a “musical party” and you’re all invited to CT’s greatest Celtic ceilidh on Saturday, September 26th at Mortensen Riverfront Plaza, 300 Columbus Blvd., downtown Hartford. Presented by The Olde Burnside Brewing Co., brewers of “Ten Penny Ale,” and hosted by Riverfront Recapture, Inc., admission is always free to “The Pipes in the Valley” Celtic Music Festival, which runs from 11am-10pm.

An outstanding lineup of talent features the wildly popular Irish band, “Gaelic Storm!” You heard them in the blockbuster movie, “Titanic,” now hear them live and expect to be thoroughly entertained with the hilarious antics of frontman, Patrick Murphy! The merry band of lads from L.A., “The Wicked Tinkers” return with their heart-pounding bagpipes, Australian didgeridoo and bronze age Irish horn. While “Seven Nations” hardly requires an introduction, their name refers to the seven nations of the Celtic world, namely Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Brittany, Cornwall, Isle of Man, and Galicia, Spain. But don’t try to label this dynamic band because they are unique unto themselves and you’ll love them for it! Local Celtic-fusion band, “Mac-Talla M’or” (Gaelic for “great echo”) has become a festival favorite for their spectacular show and can only be described as “Celtic-electric!” Colorfully enchanting, the spirited talents of “Maidens IV” make their Hartford debut – four sisters, four instruments, four-part harmony and eight dancing feet! Lift a pint of your favorite microbrew in the world’s largest inflatable pub while enjoying a little rowdiness with “Dicey Riley” and “The Billy Eagen Band!”

Four bagpipes bands march across the Founder’s Bridge at noon, followed by a full day/evening of whisky tastings, Celtic food and vendors, traditional Highland Games, magic by Mag-Erik, kids crafts and scenic river cruises on The Hartford Belle. The entertainment group, “Phoenix Swords” offers up exciting new acts like sword fighting, a trebuchet (what?!) and a “fire” show at sundown!

“Pipes in the Valley” is made possible through the generous sponsorship of SBM Charitable Foundation, Highland Park Markets, The Hartford Advocate, Hartford Belle Cruises, East Hartford Dept of Parks & Rec and Cutty Sark Blended Scotch Whisky. The venue is a picturesque landscaped park offering lawn seating only, with parking available at nearby local parking garages (no coolers, please). For additional information, call (860) 306-2653 or check out all the details on our website www.pipesinthevalley.com.