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Alton, Ontario

Celtic Fest at the Alton Mill Saturday, March 20th, 2010

Celebrating the richness and diversity of Celtic culture, the Southern Ontario Dulcimer Association (SODA) is pleased to announce a Celtic Fest to be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at the Alton Mill, Town of Caledon. Organized by the group's bodhran player, Terry Williams, the festival will feature Celtic music, dance, crafts and cuisine.

Afternoon activities include a sampling of Celtic dishes, folkart vendors, a historical presentation of Celtic jewelry, and a traditional Irish pub-style musical jam. There will also be workshops on Irish stone wall construction, Irish dancing, flute, fiddle, and bodhran drum.

In classic Celtic style, once the sun goes down the magic begins. Festival goers will be treated to an evening of traditional Celtic folk music featuring performances by Les Starkey's group, Celtic Crossing, Somerset, and SODA----offering a rare opportunity to see and hear hammered dulcimers. The music will be enhanced by dancers and Irish poetry readings.

"It's great to finally have the opportunity to bring to the community a celebration of our Celtic heritage. And for those who are not of Celtic descent, there is plenty to enjoy with friends and family. Traditional music always has a story behind it. It really is history come to life" said Williams.

The Alton Mill, a magnificently restored heritage mill, has recently been awarded a national heritage award, and is home to a creative arts centre featuring studios, galleries, a heritage museum, café and unique retail shops. Located just an hour northwest of downtown Toronto in the rolling Caledon hills. The Alton Mill, with its thick stone walls, and stunning wooden beams, is rich in Ontario heritage and is the perfect venue for Celtic Fest!

Tickets for Celtic Fest are available at the Alton Mill Gallery for \$20 each. Proceeds from Celtic Fest will help support the Alton Millpond Rehabilitation Fund, a project aimed at improving water quality and fish habitat in the Credit River watershed, developing a micro-hydro system and creating community parkland.

For more information regarding Celtic Fest, please contact Terry Williams at 519.942.3272.

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