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for Teachers



Danú
Christmas in Ireland:
An Nollaig in Éirinn

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Recommended for grades K-12

ABOUT

The acclaimed Irish ensemble Danú celebrates a traditional Irish Christmas with *An Nollaig in Éirinn*. In Ireland, the festival of Christmas has for centuries been celebrated by traditional Irish music and song. There are many musical tributes that pay homage to early Irish traditions such as The Laden Table, placing a candle in a window, and touring from house to house on St. Stephen's Day. *An Nollaig in Éirinn* is a Celtic music celebration that warms the heart.

Based in County Waterford, Danú is among the hottest young bands on the Celtic circuit, with a traditional but modern sound built around virtuoso players of uilleann pipes, accordion, and fiddle, and the rich and compelling vocals of Muireann Nic Amhlaoibh, who sings in both English and Irish. Winner of major awards from the BBC and *Irish Music Magazine*, Danú returns to the Mondavi Center with special guests for a memorable concert celebrating a traditional Irish Christmas.



Lismore Castle,
County Waterford, Ireland



LEARN MORE

<http://www.danu.net/>

<http://www.myspace.com/danuband>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-MrUX03mWM>



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THINK ABOUT IT!

DEAR STUDENTS

- 1 How would you describe the *Christmas in Ireland* performance to a friend?
- 2 What feelings did you have while you listened to the music and songs?
- 3 Did you have a favorite selection? A least favorite? Explain.
- 4 Do your parents or grandparents have an ancestral music and dance culture? What are they?



ATTENDING THE THEATER

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF STUDENT AUDIENCES AT THE MATINEE:

- Enter the auditorium quietly and take your assigned seat immediately (note that all matinees have reserved seating);
- Show courtesy to the artist and other guests at all times;
- Demonstrate appreciation for the artist's work by applauding at the appropriate times;
- Refrain from making unnecessary noise or movements;
- Please eat lunch before or after the performance; food is not allowed in the performance hall;
- Relate any information acquired from the pre-matinee discussion to the new information gained from the matinee;
- Please do not use flash photography.

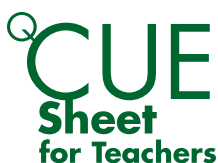
WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT OF YOUR EXPERIENCE IN A PERFORMING ARTS THEATER:

A theater is a charged space, full of energy and anticipation. When the house lights (the lights that illuminate the audience seating) go down, the excitement level goes up! Theaters are designed so that the voices of the singers and actors and the music of the musicians can be heard. But this also means that any sound in the audience—whispering, rustling of papers, speaking and moving about—can be heard by other audience members and by the performers. Distractions like these upset everyone's concentration and can spoil a performance.

The performers on stage show respect for their art form and for the audience by doing their very best work. The audience shows respect for the performers by watch-

ing attentively. Applause is the best way for audience members to share their enthusiasm and to show their appreciation for the performers. Applaud at the end of a performance! Sometimes the audience will clap during a performance, as after a featured solo. Audience members may feel like laughing if the action on stage is funny, crying if the action is sad, or sighing if something is seen or heard that is beautiful.

Appreciation can be shown in many different ways, depending upon the art form and the culture(s) of the people in the audience. While the audience at a dance performance will sit quietly, other types of performance invite audience participation.



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