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### The Mondavi Center Travels “To Ireland” with Danú and Dervish

**Davis, Calif.—Dervish** is a hard-driving Celtic sextet led by powerhouse singer Cathy Jordan. **Danú** is among the hottest young bands on the Celtic circuit, with a traditional but modern sound built around uilleann pipes and fiddle. On **Tuesday, March 10, at 8 p.m.**, the **Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts** at UC Davis presents these two groups in a rollicking evening of **pub-style Irish music in Jackson Hall.**

Says **Don Roth**, Mondavi Center executive director, “We’re glad to have the opportunity to bring these two fine Celtic groups together in an exclusive joint engagement.”

**Pricing** is \$40/30/20 for regular tickets and \$20/15/10 for students and children. Purchase tickets online at [MondaviArts.org](http://MondaviArts.org), through the Mondavi Center box office at 530-754-2787 or 866-754-2787 (toll-free), or at the door. Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. This event is presented as part of the Mondavi Center’s **World Stage: Music Series**, which continues with **Ladysmith Black Mambazo** on **March 16.**

In a related same-day event, members of **Danú**, who operate a pub in Ireland, join **Charlie Bamforth**, UC Davis Anheuser-Busch Endowed Professor of Malting and Brewing Sciences, in “**Concerning Beer**,” a **Forum@MC** panel discussion moderated by **Jeffrey Callison**, host of KXJZ’s “Insight.” This event, which includes a beer tasting, takes place **Tuesday, March 10, at 6 p.m.** in the **Studio Theatre**. As with all Forum@MC events, admission is free.

The Mondavi Center Arts Education Program also presents **Danú** as part of the **2008–09 School Matinee Series** on Tuesday, March 10, at 11 a.m. in Jackson Hall. The School Matinee Series is made available for teachers and students, including homeschoolers. Performances in this series support the California Department of Education Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards. Educators interested in purchasing tickets should call 530-754-4689.

For over a decade, **Danú's** virtuosi players on flute, tin whistle, fiddle, button accordion, bouzouki and vocals (Irish and English) have performed around the globe and recorded seven critically acclaimed albums. Their live DVD, "One Night Stand," was filmed at Vicar St. Dublin. Winners of numerous awards from the BBC and Irish Music Magazine, Danú has toured the globe, with stops at the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles and Symphony Space in New York City, and major concert engagements in the United Kingdom, India, Israel and across Europe. Danú takes its audiences on a musical journey to their native Ireland, offering a moving and memorable concert experience. Danú's popular recordings are available on the Shanachie label, and live performances often are broadcast on NPR, the CBC, and the BBC.

From the Great Wall of China to the Holy Land to the Rock in Rio festival, **Dervish** has come a long way since Liam Kelly, Shane Mitchell, Martin Mc Ginley, Brian Mc Donagh and Michael Holmes came together in 1989 to record an album of local music (released as The Boys of Sligo). Inspired by the project, they decided to develop their informal pub band into a working group, choosing the name Dervish in reference to any group of spiritual people enraptured by music.

Over the following two years Dervish honed their craft as a formative band. In 1991, Roscommon-born singer Cathy Jordan and all-Ireland champion fiddler Shane McAleer joined the band. The first Dervish album, "Harmony Hill," was released in 1992 to widespread critical acclaim, and Dervish soon became one of the most sought-after acts on the live music circuit worldwide.

In 2006, the band released "A Healing Heart," an album from a rapidly expanding back catalog that shows the softer side of Dervish. In October 2007, Dervish released to "Traveling Show," with songs produced by the legendary John Reynolds and instrumentals produced by Brian McDonagh and Dervish. Now, with four of the original members still at the helm, Dervish continues to be a leading force in presenting joyful, exciting traditional Irish music.

- **Danú and Dervish**
- **Tue., March 10, 8 p.m.**
- **Mondavi Center, Jackson Hall**
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- **\$40/30/20 regular; \$20/15/10 students, children**
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