

# News Release

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## For Immediate Release

**Independence Host Lions Club &  
Irish Music Association  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Emerald Autumn  
*An Irish Music Concert*  
Saturday, September 13, 2008 at 7:00 pm**

Independence, MO. (August 26, 2008) – The Independence Host Lions Club and the Irish Music Association will present the second annual “Emerald Autumn”, an Irish Music Concert, Saturday, September 13, 7:00 p.m. at William Chrisman High School, 1223 N. Noland Road, in Independence. (24 Highway and Noland Road)

Here’s good news for those who need an Irish fix before next year’s St. Patrick’s Day celebration. You won’t have to wait to hear and feel the music. Some of the performers have music available on their websites so that you can sample their lively talents and whet your appetite. Prepare to enjoy yourself!

### **THE IRISH BRIGADE-Missouri’s 7<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Irish Regiments Colorguard**

The living history re-enactors will open the evening with presentation of our colors.

### **THE PIPES and DRUMS of the ARARAT SHRINE**

The Pipes and Drums of the Ararat have successfully competed in the Central States Pipe Band competition and won first place numerous times. They are gentlemen, one and all, and are endorsed by the Irish Music Association as one of the Midwest’s top band for pipes and drums.

### **EDDIE DELAHUNT.com**

Eddie Delahunt and the O’KCs, includes John Morris and Rashid on whistles. Dublin-born Eddie Delahunt heads up the O’KCs, an international conglomerate made up of a New Zealander, a Mexican, an East Indian, and a Yank. And wouldn’t you know it? They play the best Irish music around! It’s the luck of the Irish that we have them here for you!

### **THE KELIHANS.com**

Birthered from the midtown of Kansas City behind years of weekly duty at happy hour, the Kelihans serve up pub rock with punk energy and working class harmonies about family and friends, old times and legends. Sometimes raucous, sometimes beautiful, they inspire us with their original tunes and heartfelt traditional songs honoring their Irish heritage.

## BOB REEDER.com

Irish-American musician Bob Reeder is a captivating and versatile performer, entertainer, singer/songwriter and events/music producer. Armed with his 6- and 12-stringed acoustic guitars, banjo, cittern, and bagpipes, Bob has shared his music in pubs from New York to California, Canada to Mexico, on radio interviews and network TV. With more than nine albums produced, he has become an icon in Irish music in the Midwest and well-known globally. Voted director of the Irish Music Association in 2000, he is your M.C. for the evening's entertainment.

**Tickets** for “Emerald Autumn” are \$10.00 and may be purchased in advance at three ticket locations: Corporate Copy Print (111 S. Main St on the Independence Square), Curt’s Market (10101 E. Truman Road in Maywood), and Changing Seasons (10900 E. Winner Road in Englewood). Requests may be made by email to: [emerald.autumn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:emerald.autumn@sbcglobal.net) and they will be held for you at Will Call. Checks should be made out to: Independence Host Lions Club.

**Free parking** is available at William Chrisman High School.

For more information, visit the **website**: [www.emeraldautumn.com](http://www.emeraldautumn.com)

Emerald Autumn is being presented by the **Independence Host Lions Club**. The event theme “**Help Us Help the Blind**”, emphasizes sight related issues which have been Lions’ primary focus for many years. Blindness is no respecter of persons. It strikes without regard to race, religion, sex or nationality. In the United States, 1.3 million Americans age 25 and older have severe visual impairments, causing them to make adjustments in areas of careers and everyday living situations. We are committed to serving people who are blind or visually impaired, and agree with Helen Keller that “Alone, we can do so little. Together, we can do so much”. Please join us in helping those “We Serve”.

Some of our local sight projects include: a community sight program which provides glasses to those who would otherwise not be able to have them; a sight and hearing recycling program where we collect eyeglasses and hearing aids to be redistributed in Third World countries; and free mobile screenings such as one which determines whether children from six months to six years old have “lazy eye” which once identified can then be corrected.

Beginning in 1917, the association of Lions clubs has provided millions of people with the opportunity to give something back to their communities. The Lions are an international network of 1.3 million men and women in 202 countries and geographic areas who work together to answer the needs that challenge communities around the world. Known for working to end preventable blindness, Lions participate in a vast variety of projects important to our communities.



For information about Lions Clubs International visit [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

For information about the Independence Host Lions Club, email: [emerald.autumn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:emerald.autumn@sbcglobal.net)



Emerald Autumn is being co-produced by the Irish Music Association. For information about the Irish Music Association visit [www.irishmusicassociation.com](http://www.irishmusicassociation.com) to find out about the annual Irish Music Awards, listings of Irish music performers and pubs, Irish music festivals, membership information and a membership forum.