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**TICKET
OUTLETS:**



ADDITIONAL THANKS TO:

WILLIAM CHRISMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Jason Dial, Principal

Dan Ogle, Activities Director

Kim Hayes, Drama Director: lighting and sound with her volunteer crew
Bev Shelton and Rudy Summerville, and the ACE/Leo student volunteer ushers

IRISH MUSIC ASSOCIATION, Bob Reeder; Director, Producer, Entertainer.

HARP & SHAMROCK, Kathy Murphy-Revell, President

INDEPENDENCE HOST LIONS CLUB, Lance Garnish - Event Chairman.

Concert Committee: Ken Johnston (Club President), MaryJoan Johnston, Jan Ferguson,
George Penniston, and the rest of the club. With deep appreciation to Lois McDonald.

SPECIAL THANKS TO: SPRINT VOLUNTEERS; SOUND ENGINEER: KEN PALOCKOVICH;

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THE LIONS are an international network of 1.3 million men and women in over 200 countries and geographic areas who work together to answer challenging community needs plus provide millions of people with the opportunity to give something back to their communities.

Since 1939, **INDEPENDENCE HOST LIONS** have supported local vision screenings, provided eyeglasses, recycled thousands of eyeglasses, assisted with sight-related surgeries, training for those who are newly blinded, and provided **Leader Dogs** (www.leaderdog.org)

Youth outreach includes: **Children's Center for the Visually Impaired** (www.ccvl.org), supporting **Boy Scouts of America** (www.hoac-bsa.org), as well as, volunteer and leadership activities, scholarships, and a dental program, **Lions Opportunities for Youth** (www.lionsclubs.org). **Lions-Quest** (www.lions-quest.org) provides educators valuable training to support students. The club also created a matching grant program which was used to begin renovation of the Hiram Young Health and Heritage Service Center (www.hiramyoungcsc.org) to provide needed health services in the area. **Additional websites:** **Alphapointe** (www.alphapointe.org) **Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation** (www.mlrf.org) **Mid-South Lions Sight & Hearing Services** (www.midsouthlions.org) **Lions World Services for the Blind** (www.lwsb.org).



**Second Annual Irish
Benefit Concert**
"Help Us Help the Blind"

WILLIAM CHRISMAN HIGH SCHOOL
Independence, MO
September 13, 2008 • 7 pm

Produced by
**THE INDEPENDENCE
HOST LIONS CLUB**
and
**THE IRISH MUSIC
ASSOCIATION**



*We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all the performers,
volunteers, and contributors who have made this evening possible
by donating their time, effort, and support.*

WELCOME TO EMERALD AUTUMN - AN EVENING OF GREAT IRISH ENTERTAINMENT

THE PRESENTATION OF COLORS BY MISSOURI'S 7TH & 30TH REGIMENTS OF THE IRISH BRIGADE



(LIVING HISTORY • CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTORS)

PIPES AND DRUMS OF THE ARARAT SHRINE

- The Pipes and Drums of Ararat, champs of the Central States Pipe Band competition. Endorsed by the Irish Music Association as the Midwest's top band for pipes and drums.



BOB REEDER



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 Irish 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 throughout the Midwest. Voted director of the Irish Music Association in 2000, he is your M. C. for the evening.

EDDIE DELAHUNT & THE O'KCs

Dublin-born Eddie Delahunt heads up the O'KCs, an international conglomerate which is as diverse as Ireland in the 21st century.

Featuring Gabriel on the bodhran, Adam on Mando/Banjo, and Rashid on whistles and flute. They play the best Irish music around!!

Their songs have arrangements that will take you right to the heart of Ireland.

It's the luck of the Irish that we have them here tonight for you!



THE KELIHANS



Birthered from the midtown of Kansas City behind years of weekly duty at happy hour, the Kelihans serve up pub rock with high 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.

They are the sugar in your *tay*, the *cream* in your *Irish coffee*, and the *shamrock* floating atop *the perfect pint*.