

CELTIC ADVENTURE

THE GROVE PARK INN RESORT & SPA
FEBRUARY 5-7, 2010

FEATURING CONCERTS BY

ALASDAIR FRASER & NATALIE HAAS AND FRIENDS ALEX BEATON AND GAELIC STORM

Passion, artistry and skill collide during this dream weekend for lovers of all things Celtic. Join us as we celebrate the Scots-Irish heritage of Western North Carolina with the finest in dance, food and drink, and music!

On Friday evening, The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa is proud to bring **Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas and Friends** to the stage. The music continues on Saturday afternoon with a performance by the legendary **Alex Beaton**.

They're back! By popular demand, **Gaelic Storm** blows back into Asheville on Saturday night for another raucous, crowd-pleasing performance at The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa. Don't miss this opportunity to sing along with one of the hottest Celtic bands firing up the stage in performance venues across the country!

Other activities include an Irish dance demonstration and workshop, a cooking demonstration, chair massages, guided history tours, and live music throughout the Inn.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, February 5

4 p.m.

Enjoy a demonstration and sampling of resort cuisine from our incomparable chefs at the **INN THE KITCHEN** cooking demonstration. - Great Hall

4 p.m. Take a moment to enjoy a complimentary chair massage from our spa therapists at **RELAX FROM THE ROAD**. - Great Hall

5-7 p.m. **WILL CALL** open for Friday night concert tickets. - Concierge Desk

7-8 p.m. **WILL CALL** desk open for Friday night concert tickets. - Grand Ballroom Foyer

7-11 p.m. **LIVE MUSIC**. - Great Hall

7-11 p.m. Master Hungarian pianist **LAJOS PAGONY** performs while you dine. - Horizons

7:15 p.m.* Doors open for the Friday evening concert. - Grand Ballroom

8-11 p.m.* Showtime with **ALASDAIR FRASER & NATALIE HAAS AND FRIENDS**. - Grand Ballroom

8 p.m.-1 a.m. Come down to **ELAINE'S DUELING PIANO BAR** for the non-stop, rock-n-roll party show. Doors open at 8 p.m. and the entertainment begins at 9 p.m. - Elaine's

11 p.m.** After the concert, join the artists at an exclusive **MEET & GREET**. - Skyline Room

Saturday, February 6

10 a.m.-12 p.m.** **IRISH DANCE DEMONSTRATIONS & WORKSHOP**. Learn some beginning individual dance steps, participate in a Ceili team dance, or sit back and watch a group dance show. - TBD

1-1:30 p.m. **WILL CALL** open for Saturday afternoon concert ticket pick-up. - Grand Ballroom Foyer

1:15 p.m. Doors open for the afternoon concert. - Grand Ballroom

1:30-3 p.m.* Afternoon concert with legendary performer **ALEX BEATON** - Grand Ballroom

3-4 p.m. Sample unique and distinctive flavors at a complimentary **WINE TASTING**. - Magnolia Lounge

3-6 p.m. **LIVE MUSIC**. - Great Hall

5-7 p.m. **WILL CALL** open for ticket pick-up. - Concierge Desk

5:30-10 p.m. Singer and guitarist **CHRIS RHODES** performs a subtle blend of R&B, blues and pop. - The Blue Ridge Dining Room

7-8 p.m. **WILL CALL** open for ticket pick-up. - Grand Ballroom Foyer

7-11 p.m. **LIVE MUSIC**. - Great Hall

7-11 p.m. Master Hungarian pianist **LAJOS PAGONY** performs while you dine. - Horizons

7:15 p.m.* Doors open for the Saturday evening concert. - Grand Ballroom

8-11 p.m.* **SHOWTIME** featuring the fun-loving talent of **GAELIC STORM**. - Grand Ballroom

9 p.m.-1 a.m. Come down to **ELAINE'S DUELING PIANO BAR** for the non-stop, rock-n-roll party show where the doors open at 8 p.m. and the entertainment begins at 9 p.m. and goes until 1 a.m. - Elaine's, take the Vanderbilt Wing Atrium Elevator to Level E.

11 p.m.** Join the artists at an exclusive **MEET & GREET**. - Skyline Room

Sunday, February 7

- 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Make plans to return for the 4th Annual Celtic Adventure with **2011 PACKAGE & SEAT RESERVATIONS**. - Concierge Desk
- 10-10:45 a.m. **HISTORY TOUR** Learn about the people and events which make up the history of this legendary hotel. Sign up at the Concierge Desk - Great Hall
- 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **LIVE MUSIC**. - Great Hall

* Tickets Required

** Package Holders Only

Event Schedule and Entertainment are subject to change.

Weekend Packages Available

For reservations or information call:

The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa (800) 438-5800 or (828) 252-2711

Or visit us online at <http://www.grovecparkinn.com>

General Admission Ticket Prices

Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas, Friday night, - \$30

Alex Beaton, Saturday afternoon - \$12

Gaelic Storm, Saturday night - \$35

Tickets will be available starting August 1, 2009

Please call 800-438-5800

General admission ticket holders will be assigned the best available seats at time of purchase.

Specific seating questions may be directed to 800-438-0050, Ext. #2012.

All tickets will be held at Will Call prior to the event.

Concert tickets are non-refundable and must be presented at the door to gain admission to the events. Concert dress code is consistent with that of the entire resort, resort casual, unless otherwise noted.

Come and have tons of fun at KID'S CAMP.

We offer a Friday evening program and Saturday day and evening programs. For more information or to make reservations contact the Sports Complex at ext. 1046. We'll see you there!

Western North Carolina Excursions...

Landmark Destinations, Historical Sites, Educational Nature Destinations, Rafting, Horseback Riding, Guided Hiking, Biking, Sportsman Adventures, Walking/Hiking, Mountain Train Rides, Area Shopping, A Copious Array of Museums and Art Galleries, are all here in our area for your enjoyment. Check with our Concierge at the Concierge Desk in our Great Hall or at ext. 7005 for details, directions and reservations.



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For more information on event entertainment please visit the following links.

Gaelic Storm - <http://gaelicstorm.musiccitynetworks.com/>

Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas and Friends - <http://www.alasdairfraser.com/> and <http://www.nataliehaas.com/>

Gaelic Storm

Since its inception nearly ten years ago, Gaelic Storm continue to broaden the musical horizons of the Celtic music genre by creating compelling originals and fresh arrangements steeped in Irish traditional melody and acoustic instrumentation combined with their unique blend of world rhythms. Released on July 25, 2006, the band's latest album Bring Yer Wellies (Lost Again Records) debuted at #2 on the Billboard World Chart, #16 on the Internet Sales Chart and #31 on the Independent Album Chart. The 14 new tracks capture the contagious energy of Gaelic Storm's renowned live performances. Channeling the rowdy communal feel of an Irish pub on raucous sing-alongs, driving pipe sets and spirited fiddle tunes, the band's sixth studio album was recorded in a one-month fury in April 2006 at The Zone recording studio in Austin Texas.

The new album comes on the heels of the band's first concert DVD, Live In Chicago, released in January this year. The Hi-Def DVD was taped on September 14, 2005 before a packed audience at the House of Blues Chicago. The 2-hour video showcases the trademark energetic performance and enthusiastic audience interaction that make the band a front-runner in the Celtic music genre today.



Touring aggressively and playing over 125 dates a year, Gaelic Storm routinely breaks attendance and merchandise sales records, pushing their popularity beyond the World music genre and into the mainstream music consciousness. Gaelic Storm performed on

The Rock Boat 2004 along with mainstream rock bands such as Cowboy Mouth, Tonic, Sister Hazel and Gavin Degraw and set the Rock Boat CD sales record. The band was invited back to The Rock Boat in 2006 alongside acts such as Better Than Ezra and Marc Broussard. Gaelic Storm broke the attendance record previously held by Alan Jackson at the Albuquerque, NM Bio-Park and they continue to headline some of the largest Celtic and Folk festivals in the world including Festival Interceltique in Lorient, Brittany, the Pittsburgh Irish Festival, and Dublin Irish Festival. Remarkably, the band has headlined the largest U.S. Irish Festival, Milwaukee Irish Fest, for 4 straight years, and has become an exception to the festival's usual policy of not inviting artists to perform in consecutive years.

Gaelic Storm released their fifth album "How Are We Getting Home?" in August 2004 (Lost Again Records) which debuted at #3 on the Billboard World Music Charts and #10 on the Billboard Heatseekers Chart and re-entered the September 2005 World Albums Chart at #3. Their previous four albums (Higher Octave Records/Virgin-EMI) have all charted high on the Billboard World Music Chart, including reaching the #2 position on three different occasions. Since their self-titled first album (#5 on Billboard's World Music Chart) and their appearance in the film Titanic, Gaelic Storm continues to thunder onto stages around the world.

On St. Patrick's Day, 1996, co-founders Patrick Murphy of Cork City, Ireland (vocals, piano, accordion, spoons, harmonica) and New Yorker Steve Wehmeyer (bodhran, vocals, didgeridoo) officially joined forces with Steve Twigger of Coventry, England (vocals, guitar, mandolin, bouzouki), at O'Brien's pub in Santa Monica, California. Their first performance was such a hit that the crowd refused to let them off the stage for the next act. In 1997, Gaelic Storm was catapulted out of their formative pub haunts by an appearance in the blockbuster film Titanic. Cast as the "party band" in the steerage scene, they landed the part while still drinking pints and playing weekly at O'Brien's. After the film's release, the band was met by huge crowds on their first tour. However, they still pride themselves on remaining as accessible as ever and sharing "a pint" with fans whenever possible.

Gaelic Storm also includes: Ryan Lacey on drums and world percussion (graduated twice from the Los Angeles Music Academy, once for hands and once for sticks), Pete Purvis of Merrickville, Ontario on uilleann pipes, tin whistle, daeger pipes and highland pipes (a Grade 1 piper who toured with award winning pipe bands including the Braemar Pipe Band and played at 2000 Sydney Olympics) and the newest member of the band Jessie Burns on fiddle (originally from Suffolk, England, now living in Colorado).

Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas and Friends

The musical partnership between Alasdair Fraser, long regarded as Scotland's premier fiddle ambassador, and the sizzingly-talented young California cellist Natalie Haas may not seem an obvious one. Fraser has a concert and recording career spanning 30 years, with a long list of awards, accolades, television credits and feature performances on top movie soundtracks such as Last of the Mohicans and Titanic. Fraser has been sponsored by the British Council to represent Scotland's music internationally and received the Scottish heritage Center Service Award for outstanding contributions to Scottish culture traditions.



Natalie Haas, a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music, tours throughout Europe and North America and is in the vanguard of young cellists who are re-defining the role of the cello in traditional music.

The duo's two recordings, *In The Moment* and their debut CD, *Fire and Grace*, as well as their live performances, display dazzling teamwork, driving dancing rhythms and their shared passion for improvising on the melody and the groove of Scottish tunes. Haas and Fraser have been featured together on NPR, the Thistle & Shamrock and Mountain Stage, just to name a few.