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Celtic Air will appear in several area concerts.



Rathkeltair will perform Sunday, March 20 at the Lincoln Theatre in Marion, VA.

Celtic Concerts & Music Workshops Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

The **Arts Array Spencer Memorial Concert Series** will present Celtic Air and Ardrossan in "Celtic Connections" Sunday, March 6 at 3 p.m. in the Martha Washington Inn Ballroom. \$7. 276-739-2447. Both of these Bristol-based bands perform Celtic music with a high-energy "New World feel." Members of Celtic Air play traditional music that many of their ancestors brought with them from Scotland and Ireland when they settled in the Appalachian Mountains in the 18th century. Celtic Air was founded by U.S. National Scottish Fiddling Champion Jane MacMorran. Ardrossan, featuring Jane's son William MacMorran, offers its own style of hard-driving Celtic Rock, combining great piping with elements of funk, blues, and Southern American rock. 276-739-2447.

Hands On! Regional Museum in Johnson City, TN will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a Celtic Festival Saturday, March 12 from 1-4 p.m. The East Tennessee State University TaleTellers will tell Celtic stories. The Holland Brothers and Hands On! piano students will provide music. In addition, artisans from Celtic Roots of Johnson City will demonstrate their crafts, including bagpipe playing, painting, and woodworking. 423-434-4263.

Maestro Cyrus Ginwala and the **Symphony of the Mountains** will be dressed in green as Irish favorites ring through the Toy F. Reid Eastman Employee Center in Kingsport at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 12. The orchestra will play selections including Sean O'Boyle's "Celtic Suite" featuring concertmaster and award winning Celtic fiddler Jane MacMorran. Performing Irish folk tunes will be Celtic Air and Fire in the Kitchen. As a fundraiser, the symphony will accept pledges and donations. If the total pledged by intermission is greater than \$1,000, Ginwala will appear with green hair to conduct the second half of the program. Patrons displaying green of any kind may take advantage of the "Four Leaf Clover" special: Buy four tickets at the door for this performance and receive a voucher good for admission to the symphony's concert in April or May. 423-392-8423.

Thursday, March 17 — St. Patrick's Day — will find Celtic Air and Ardrossan at the **Down Home** in Johnson City, TN at 8 p.m. 423-929-9822.

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Big Stone Gap, VA native
Deborah Strang is an actress
in Los Angeles. She is
shown in "O Pioneer."