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**Editors Note: Artists and Presenters are available for phone interviews. Contact PaperMoon for scheduling. Full Schedule of Events, Artist links, up-to-date information available at [www. EurekaCelts.com](http://www.EurekaCelts.com).**

EUREKA SPRINGS, Ark. – **PaperMoon Attractions presents Celtic Connections Eureka, a four-day festival celebrating** Celtic heritage, music, poetry, food and drink as the clans overtake the tiny hamlet **of Eureka Springs January 18 - 21, 2007**. Timed for the birthday bash for the great Robert Burns, the "Bard of Scotland", Celtic Connections Eureka calls to celto-philes from the seven nations hither and yon.

In these Ozark Highlands you'll immerse yourself in the color and heritage of this rich world culture, as entertainers, crafters and historians from far and way create an experience designed to enrich your appreciation and knowledge of Celtic traditions.

**The traditional Robert Burns Night Suppers are scheduled for Thursday and Friday** evenings, with the Friday night dinner featuring a few extra touches including music and stories by **Ed Miller, modern bard of Scotland and Scottish folksong preservationist**.

Both evenings' dinners are hosted by the historic 1886 Crescent Hotel Crystal Dining Room where the setting provides the castle-like backdrop for all the pomp and circumstance. This annual, around-the-world birthday tribute to the life, works and spirit of Robert Burns is the 9<sup>th</sup> year for this event in Eureka Springs. The evening promises highland pipes, poetry and pride, the traditional Scottish dinner with roast beef and haggis, the drinking of Scotch whiskey and the recitation of Burns works, along with general merry-making and song-singing.

"Robert Burns was truly the voice of the Scots. Any ethnic group will collect around a cultural voice and for the Scots who endured British oppression for centuries, Burns covered the whole spectrum of life in those ages," says Bruce Crabtree, author and historian, who will be performing "Robert Bruce's March to Bannockburn" in traditional attire and full brogue. Crabtree will also present a workshop about the Gaels during the festival, along with other workshop presenters who will discuss the Scots and Irish influence in the Ozarks, traditional tartan attire, the seven Celtic nations, demonstrate musical instruments, and more.

**Tartanic, the bagpipe comedy theater band from Houston** who took Eureka Springs by storm last January, returns for Friday night's concert at the City Auditorium. If you're not planning to go to Arizona in February, this will be your last chance to enjoy the amazing Tartanic experience. Also on the bill with Tartanic is **Beth Patterson, Celtic singer-songwriter from New Orleans**. Patterson, whose sound and style has been compared to **Loreena McKennitt**, also performs on Saturday night at the City Auditorium with **Ed Miller** and with **Rowan, a traditional Celtic trio** from Kansas who added Eureka Springs to their growing fan base when they performed last year. **Rowan** will also perform Sunday

morning at the Crescent Hotel's Sunday Brunch. Also joining the event will be Arkansas Celts **Tinker's Dam** and the **Crooked Creek Irish Dancers** and award-winning Celtic Heartstrings **Linda Brockinton** and **Brenda Ramsey** playing traditional music on mountain dulcimer and flute.

Throughout the weekend guests will have a chance to enjoy all the **workshops, multiple music sessions and concerts, "The Gypsy Fair" vendor market**, along with Celtic-flavored special offerings by area pubs and restaurants. **All-Day Tickets are: \$28 for Thursday including the Burns Night Supper; \$25 for Friday's events (without the Burns Supper); \$45 or \$80 per couple for Friday's events, including the Burns Night Supper; \$25 for Saturday's events.** For more information and to purchase tickets online see [www.EurekaCelts.com](http://www.EurekaCelts.com) or call 866-363-9545.