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From: Jane [mailto:jane@irishfest.com]

Sent: 16 March 2010 19:40

To: Shirley McCay

Cc: Kerrie Sweeney

Subject: Re: Potential BCC participation in Milwaukee Festival

Hi Shirley

Just wanted to let you know that DCAL has come forward and is sending an Ulster Scots group for the Showcase. Michael McCullough and Maynard Hannah will also be coming to lecture. So that is a positive sign.

The Northern entertainment line up is looking great. Different Drums, Tommy Sands, Tom Sweeney, Celtic Tenors, Kieran Goss, Mc Peake, Len Graham and Brian Hart and several others who are not announced yet. There will be a Showcase in the Celtic Roots tent and each day a special performance on the Legend of Ireland's Folk Music, including a tribute to Tommy Makem.

Peter Makem will also be coming over for that.

As I mentioned the Cultural Exhibit Pavilion will include a CS Lewis exhibit on Narnia and lectures by Sandi Smith. We have also added a photo exhibit by a Northern Ireland photographer on the *Faces of Northern Ireland*. The Ulster Scots and Saint Patrick Centre will also have exhibits. RetroGAA and Lorsha Designs from Newry, Discovery Glass from Comber and art students from SW Regional College in Downpatrick will all be in our Cultural Marketplace.

The Bangor Drama Club will perform in the Theatre Pavilion, Len Graham and the Aisling Ghear Theatre Co will perform in the Gaeltacht and Joan Pettigrew will be coming over to talk in the Genealogy Area. Just heard today that Bishop Areavy of Dromore will be coming as the celebrant of our Liturgy. Also TG4 has been in touch regarding filming here. So, I think things are coming together for a great Showcase. I do hope that Belfast will be here!

Regarding the Titanic Exhibit, we can't seem to get a definitive answer. How did Kerri's meeting go with Aubrey. It would really be a shame if TI or the Titanic Committee didn't take advantage of this opportunity to showcase the story of Belfast and the Titanic and promote the opening of the Quarter to an interested audience of 130,000, especially since the exhibit is ready and waiting.

I hope this update will help your council committee to understand the size and importance of this Showcase. We will be over in April to visit with several of the counties and I hope we can meet with you. We will be in Belfast April 13th or 14th, so I hope that will work with your schedule. Of course, we would always be happy to talk with any of your committees.

All the Best,
Jane

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