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## KELLY MUSIC FOR LIFE PRESENTS

### THE 2ND HAVERTOWN IRISH FESTIVAL SPONSORED BY ACME MARKETS

- **The Havertown Irish Festival sponsored by ACME Markets**
- **Saturday, June 23, 2018 from Noon until 9 PM.**
- **Manoa Shopping Center rear parking lot, Eagle Rd near West Chester Pike in Havertown PA**
- **Presented by Kelly Music For Life**
- **Benefits the future KELLY CENTER for Music, Arts, and Community, coming later in 2018**

Havertown, PA, June 12, 2018 –[Kelly Music for Life](http://www.KellyMusicForLife.com) is rolling out all things green to once again celebrate all things Irish in the “33<sup>rd</sup> County of Ireland”, Havertown PA, for the **2nd Annual Havertown Irish Festival sponsored by ACME Markets.**

The Irish way of life is full of the joy and spirit of celebrating together and you can join thousands of other Irish and Irish-for-the-day right in the music mecca of the area, Havertown PA. The long history of the Irish in Havertown and Delaware County makes for both wonderful memories and traditions as well as so many time-honored ways to grow. Kelly Music for Life is proud to have the Havertown Irish Festival join this treasured legacy.

On Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, The Havertown Irish Festival kicks off with a wonderful example of the contributions that the Irish have made to the Havertown area: a procession of local dignitaries and Irish township residents led by the Philadelphia Emerald Society Pipe Band. This grand procession will be led by **Gerry McConnell**, founder and board member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians chapter in Havertown, our 2018 Grand Marshal of the Havertown Irish Festival. Mr. McConnell stated “The Irish have lived in our community since at least the early 1800's. In fact, my home parish of St. Denis, was founded in 1825 by an early Irish Immigrant, Denis Kelly from the Finn Valley in County Donegal. Mr. Kelly attracted many fellow Irish thru out the mid-1800's to our area as refuge from The Great Starvation occurring in their homeland. He gave them jobs in the mills that he owned that once lined Cobbs Creek. For this reason, I named our local AOH division after him, Denis Kelly Division 1 of Havertown.”

From Noon until 9 PM, the rear parking lot of Manoa Shopping Center will be wearing the green as thousands join in for the return of the best event of its kind in the area. Center stage at the Havertown Irish Festival will present both traditional and modern Irish sounds that will have you singing and dancing all day. The list of performers includes:

- **Barleyjuice**
- **The John Byrne Band**
- **Maura McKinney Mastro**
- **Dylan McGuire Band**
- **Brittany Killion Carter (2013 Philadelphia Rose of Tralee)**
- **Philadelphia Emerald Society Pipe Band**
- And more performers to be announced.

**Tom Kelly**, Chairman and Executive Director of Kelly Music For Life, stated “After last year’s overwhelmingly successful Irish Festival, the community demanded we bring it back this year. Delaware County is thick with Irish heritage and culture and we are proud to celebrate with an event where everyone is Irish for the day.”

Along with all day music, the Havertown Irish Festival will feature the best food with an Irish flair from area restaurants and bars, including the great merchants of the Manoa Shopping Center. Step in and enjoy a fine Irish brew and plenty of Irish laughter at the return of **KELLY'S PUB**. Irish associations, guilds, and clubs will present their areas of expertise and celebrate the unique Irish culture, legends, and traditions handed down through generations and still vibrant today. Area businesses will spotlight their services, local non-profits will promote their missions, local artisans and craftspeople will be offering their unique Irish themed items for sale, and so much more.

The Havertown Irish Festival is presented by Kelly Music for Life, a 501c3 non-profit dedicated to improving lives and communities through music. The Havertown Irish Festival will benefit the Kelly Center for Music, Arts, and Community, local music programs, and other community initiatives.

Of special interest, Kelly Music For Life will also update the exciting progress on the future **KELLY CENTER For Music, Arts, and, Community**. Opening later in 2018 at 4 E. Eagle Rd in Havertown, this year-round performing arts showplace will highlight the exciting music and arts community in Haverford Township. The Kelly Center will offer area residents of all ages music and arts programs in this state of the art community space. Information on how you can help this vision become a valuable reality for Havertown will be available.

The Havertown Irish Festival will be streamed live around the world on iRadioPhilly. Detailed information about the fest as well as directions and other information is available at <http://www.HavertownIrishFestival.com>. Follow the Irish Fest on Facebook at [Havertown Irish Festival](#). Follow all Events at [Kelly Music For Life](#). On Twitter, follow us at [@KMFLEvents](#), hashtag #HIF2018.

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