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AN IRISH CELEBRATION AT PERSHING SQUARE *Downtown venue will host a concert after annual St. Patrick's Day Parade*

LOS ANGELES – A parade celebrating Irish heritage and cultural diversity in the City of Angels, and an outdoor concert of lively traditional songs and modern rock music will comprise St. Patrick's Day festivities in downtown Los Angeles on Monday, March 17, 2008.

The ninth annual parade, presented by the Los Angeles Fire Department Historical Society, will start at 11:30 a.m. at Olvera Street's El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic Monument and go south on Main St. to 5th St., then west to historic Pershing Square, where beginning at 12:30 p.m., the music of ***Young Dubliners*** will add to the party to kick off the workweek.

The 10th annual free concert will continue until 2:00 p.m., giving downtown workers, visitors and other guests an opportunity to experience the excitement of a popular and beloved commemoration of the Emerald Isle – and all things green.

In addition to the concert, the water in the fountain at Pershing will be dyed green, representative of what is done to the Chicago River each year on March 17. Food and beverage vendors will be at the outdoor venue for this special lunchtime event, and O'Doul's non-alcoholic brew will be among the liquid refreshments available for purchase.

Pershing Square, a facility operated by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, is at 532 S. Olive St. For more information about the St. Patrick's Day program, call (213) 847-4970, or go to www.laparks.org (Special Venues, Pershing Square).

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