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ENJOY ST. PATTY'S DAY IN THE HEART O' L.A.

Downtown parade to Pershing Square, where a concert will be held

LOS ANGELES – St. Patrick's Day 2009 festivities in the City of Angels will include a parade downtown with an abundance of heritage and cultural diversity, and an outdoor concert at Pershing Square featuring traditional Irish music and contemporary rock 'n roll songs.

The 10th 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. Actor Robert Patrick (*Terminator 2: Judgment Day* and *The X-Files*) will be the grand marshal.

Beginning at 12:30 p.m. the Irish band *Young Dubliners* will keep the celebration going with a performance of a variety of St. Patrick's Day-themed standards that could prompt spontaneous folk and other dancing, as well as original songs with a more modern sound.

The 11th annual free concert will continue until 2:00 p.m., giving people who work downtown, visitors, and guests a chance to join in on the revelry of an annual occasion that also focuses on the reverence for the Emerald Isle, with green as the color of the day.

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

Pershing Square is a facility operated by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks located 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/pershingsquare/patrick.html.

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