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SUBJECT: 30th Anniversary Chester Creek Concert Season Begins Tonight

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Chester Creek Concert 30th Anniversary Season begins tonight featuring

"McInnis Kitchen"

Celebrate Duluth's festive 30th Anniversary celebration of the Chester Creek Concert Series tonight Tuesday, June 5th at 7:00 PM. Mayor Don Ness will be on hand to open the special festivities with a special anniversary address.

The special featured event to celebrate the **30th Anniversary Chester Creek Concert Series** performance season will be headlined by Duluth's very own internationally acclaimed Celtic band *McInnis Kitchen*. Their traditional music is inspired by the Celtic music from Ireland, Newfoundland and the Canadian Maritimes. Their trademark sound features fiery double-fiddling, heartfelt ballads and the fun reminiscent of a downhome kitchen party. They have been headlined internationally at festivals and concerts and have appeared on television and radio in the US and Canada.

McInnis Kitchen use their respective diverse mix of Celtic cultures and traditional music to shape the unique sound that has become uniquely their own in the industry. They collectively share a common thread of respect in honoring and growing their respective cultural music traditions. That chemistry has been successfully endearing international audiences, everywhere they perform.

McInnis' Kitchen will be joined on stage by their special guests, the **Duluth Scottish Heritage Pipe Band** who will add their music to the special occasion, and provide the opening pageantry to the event.

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Mark Monroe - fiddle

Chuck Butler - fiddle | button accordion Sue Spencer - vocals | guitar | button accordion

Jim Ofsthun - vocals | bodharan | guitar | whistle | accordion

McInnis Kitchen concerts transcend performance and evoke a special world of traditional culture and storytelling, giving their performances all the feel of a traditional down homekitchen party. Their performances bring energy, fun and a sense of Celtic cultures from places like Ireland, Newfoundland, and Cape Breton.

For details on this **June 5** special 30th Anniversary event and the upcoming season, visit: <u>duluthconcerts.com</u> **Rain dates**: August 14th and August 21st

Admission is free. Everyone is encouraged to bring lawn chairs for seating, while enjoying the beautiful outdoor setting of

Chester Bowl located at 1800 East Skyline Parkway. All 30th Anniversary concerts will be held from 7:00-8:30 PM throughout the summer every Tuesday night until August 8th.

Please call, after 6:00 PM, the Chester Creek Concert Hotline at 218-730-4326 or our Facebook page by going to www.duluthmn.gov/parks to check for weather cancellations.

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