

Rant Maggie Rant to spread St. Patrick's cheer at Claude Parlour Concert this coming Sunday

The award-winning Rant Maggie Rant will spread a little St. Patrick's Day cheer this Sunday (March 16), when the ensemble performs at the historical Claude Presbyterian Church as part of the Claude Parlour Concert Series.

This promises to be an opportunity for revelers of Irish heritage and the Irish at heart to enjoy an evening of Celtic music unplugged. Distinguished by its elegant spire, Claude Church has been a notable Caledon landmark on the east side of Highway 10 since 1870. This red brick church, a designated heritage site, is associated with the early Scottish hamlet of Claude at Highway 10 and Boston Mills Road. It is now home to many events other than just Sunday service, giving back to the community by sharing performances of quality music of all genres.

A joyful explosion of sound, Rant Maggie Rant is loved by traditionalists, who enjoy their time-honoured approach and style, while listeners of other musical genres are drawn to the band's fusion of punchy roots/blues/rock guitar and the syncopated world influences of hand drumming spiced with Latin, Middle Eastern and African rhythms.

Based in Stratford, Rant Maggie Rant showcases the talents of Lindsay Schindler (fiddle, background vocals), Glen Dias (lead vocals, recorders, percussion) and Barry James Payne (guitars, harmonica, background vocals) with special guests. Joining them at this concert will be London-based guest musicians Rob Larose (drums, percussion), Steve Clark (bass) and Daev Clysdale (Irish whistle, Irish flute and accordion) from Toronto.

Rant Maggie Rant took home hardware at the 2013 Jack Richardson Music Awards gala in April 2013. The band received a Jack Richardson Music Award in the Traditional Folk/Roots category. The awards recognize musical excellence in London, Ontario, where all of the members of the band have connections and continue to contribute to the vibrant music scene.

The band has covered a lot of ground over the last two years, performing throughout Newfoundland, on Canada's west coast, in Quebec and many places south of the border. Earlier this year, the band performed in Sarnia and Port Huron, Michigan, with the International Symphony Orchestra and is scheduled to play Ottawa's National Arts Centre in April and their fourth annual and perennially sold out St. Patrick's Celebration show at Toronto's prestigious folk-roots venue Hugh's Room, where their latest CD was recorded. Also, they will appear for the first time at the Goderich Celtic Roots Festival in August, as well as with the highly regarded Windsor Symphony Orchestra in November.

Sunday's concert will start at 7 p.m. Claude Presbyterian Church is at 15175 Hurontario St., just south of Olde Base Line Road. Admission is \$20 online or \$25 at door. Tickets can be ordered at www.ticketscene.ca



Barry James Payne, Lindsay Schindler and Glen Dias of Rant Maggie Rant will be performing at Claude Church on Highway 10 this Sunday.