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SUBJECT: JCA partners with renowned Irish singer for St. Patrick's Day performance

After many of its in-person performances were postponed, Jasper Community Arts has teamed up with Michael Londra to offer a delightfully Irish evening of entertainment for St. Patrick's Day.

Ireland with Michael is a wonderful Celtic show from the National Opera House in Wexford, Ireland. The never before seen show, taped in front of a live audience of 750 people, features the Irish Concert Orchestra, 2 choirs, singers and musicians from all over Ireland, joining renowned Irish singer Michael Londra in a celebration of Irish culture, heritage and music for Saint Patrick's season. The show also steps out into the Irish villages and countryside to meet local traditional singers, dancers and musicians. Michael heads to Dublin and Belfast for performances, he travels to the Kennedy Homestead, the family farm of the Kennedy family to discuss JFK's legacy in Ireland and sings of his connection to the family. Michael's friend, New York Times best-selling author Eoin Colfer (Artemis Fowl) hosts him at Hook Head lighthouse, the oldest operating lighthouse in the world, to talk of the country's history.

Michael shares his own connection to songs and stories of his home county, his love of traditional music with world champion Irish dancers, a duet with West End star Zoe Rainey, the gorgeous 10 piece Harpist group Cláirsí Neamhaí with local fiddlers, pipers playing jigs and reels that are perfect to celebrate Irish heritage.

This is the time of year we celebrate Saint Patrick's Day and being all things Irish. While there may not be a parade to go to this spring, you can still celebrate from the comfort of your home with one of Ireland's leading voices, Michael Londra

As host of Ireland with Michael, the new travel and music series coming to PBS in spring 2021 and author of a travel book by the same name, the Emmy® nominated Irish tenor is an expert on all things Celtic. He invites the audience not only to his live show but to scenes in his home country with guest singers, Irish dancers and storytellers throughout the show, filmed in local castles and pubs.

The show promises to fill you with pride in your heritage if you are Irish and if not, sure you can be Irish for one day.

Multiple ticket packages are available. Tickets to see the performance are \$25 per link. For \$35, patrons will receive a link to the performance as well as a souvenir DVD. For \$50, patrons will receive a link to the performance, a souvenir DVD, and a private Zoom call with Michael Londra.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 812-482-3070 or visiting www.jasperarts.org.

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