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Local Bagpipe Band to Share the Stage with Irish Folk Music Legends

Birmingham, AL February 18th, 2009 – The Ian Sturrock Memorial Pipe Band is enthusiastic at the prospect of sharing the stage with Irish folk music legends The Chieftains with Paddy Moloney Friday February 27th at the Alys Stephens Center for the Performing Arts.

The legendary Irish band The Chieftains is touring the US this year, and in every major stop, local bagpipe bands are invited to participate, performing on stage alongside these titans of Celtic folk music. Pipe Major Ryan Morrison, director of the Ian Sturrock Memorial Pipe Band and professional ceremonial bagpiper, announced this opportunity to his bandmates just before Christmas.

Morrison remarks, “The band were all very excited. This type of opportunity is a dream come true for many of us.” Morrison will also perform solo on stage with The Chieftains during the concert and has been commissioned by management for The Chieftains to transcribe and arrange music for the performance.

The Ian Sturrock Memorial Pipe Band will be joined on stage by members of the Duncan McCall Pipe Band of Pensacola, Florida. The two bands are in a collaborative partnership, trading players up and down the coast for various performance opportunities and competitive events. The bands recently collaborated in bagpipe band competitions in Stone Mountain, Georgia winning first place in their division.

The Ian Sturrock Memorial Pipe Band is sponsored by the two largest Scottish heritage groups in the state, the Saint Andrews Society of the Middle South and the Caledonian Society of Alabama.

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