

When island eyes are smiling

St. Patrick isn't settling for just a day on Maui this year — he's getting a half-week's worth of celebrations, beginning Sunday.

The third annual St. Patrick's Day concert Sunday runs from 3 to 5 p.m. at Makawao Union Church. It features traditional Irish music by Byron and Ginny Allen, the Bouzouki Brothers (David Bryan and Stuart Helmtoller), Gwyl O'Dell on celtic harp, Maria Valentine on piano, and the group Scrimshaw. Many of these musicians had a hand in making the Maui Symphony's Boar's Head Feast at Christmastime such a success. Admission is \$5; for more information call 575-2531.

On Tuesday night, the group String Fever — also featuring many of the same musicians, get the St. Patrick's Day festivities under way at Wunderbar in Paia.

The group — featuring Bill Anderson on guitar, David Bryan on cittern and tinwhistle, Steve Grimes on bass fiddle, Jim Hagedorn on fiddle and hammer dulcimer, Stuart Helmtoller on mandolin and hammer dulcimer and John Tisdell on fiddle and 5-string banjo — has become Maui's favorite old-time, good time string band. They supplement their Irish repertoire with Cajun, Scottish, French-Canadian and early American dance tunes.

They play from 10 p.m. to closing. The cover charge is \$4.

When the real St. Patrick's Day finally rolls around on Wednesday, String Fever moves up the hill to Casanova in Makawao, carrying on a tradition they began there last year. The Casanova party begins at 9:45. Cover charge is \$5.



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String Fever brings St. Patrick's week to Wunderbar, Casanova.