

It's 'Erin go bragh,' at least this weekend, with festivities galore

Whether you're a true son or daughter of Eire, Irish on your mother's side, or just hold a fondness for things green, this weekend offers a variety of St. Paddy activities. Here's a sampling of what you'll find:

On Saturday, the Exit/In offers nationally known artists and more to benefit the Nashville Ulster Project. Each year, the project allows Protestant and Catholic teen-agers from Northern Ireland to get together in a neutral environment to foster good will in an effort to increase communication and lessen tension between the two factions.

John Hartford, Larry Henley, Jack Keller, Jack Clements and Townes Van Zant are among the acts that will appear at the Elliston Place night club. Irish dancing and sing-alongs, storytelling and Irish stew also are part of the package.

It gets under way at 4 p.m. and lasts until 1 a.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Call 321-4400.

Bennigan's, 975 Murfreesboro Road, will host the 10th St. Patrick's Day Bash from 1 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday. The event is a benefit for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and features live entertainment and a DJ spinning records. Admission is \$5. Call 361-3996.

The fourth annual ShamRock-N-Roll St. Patrick's Day Benefit will run from 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Saturday at 328 Performance Hall, 328 Fourth Ave. S. Tick-

ets are \$10, with proceeds going to the Exchange Club Child Abuse Center. Call 259-3288.

A benefit for St. Patrick's Shelter for the homeless will be held at the Bluebird Cafe at 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Admission to the 5th annual Johnny O'Manion St. Patrick's Day Bash is \$2. Call 383-1461.

Blair School of Music artists will give a St. Patrick's program at Cheekwood's Botanic Hall Sunday. It begins at 2:30 p.m. Admission is included in the gate fee: \$4 for adults; \$3 for students and senior citizens; \$1 for children under 6. Cheekwood is located on Forrest Park Drive. Call 353-2140.

An Irish Pub session is set at the Sutler Saloon, 2608 Franklin Road, from 3-6 p.m. Sunday. Local Celtic bands will host the event; anyone wishing to play or listen to Irish music is invited. Call 297-9195.

Also free is an Irish sing-along at Windows on the Cumberland, 112 2nd Ave. N., from 4-8 p.m. Sunday. Call 244-7944.

Irish music and dancing will also be part of the entertainment at the International Children's Festival this weekend at the Cumberland Science Museum. Hours are 9:30-5 tomorrow and 12:30-5:30 Sunday. Admission is \$5 adults, \$4 children, with discounts for seniors and toddlers. Call 259-6099.

— Joe Rogers