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Clannad brings Ireland to Warner

A legendary band will cross the Atlantic this fall for a Torrington show.

The Warner Theatre will welcome Irish group Clannad for a performance at 7 p.m. Sept. 30. Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday.

Clannad's haunting music has captivated audiences for four decades, selling more than 10 million records worldwide. After an 18-year absence, the group is returning to America with selections from its new DVD "Live at Christ Church Cathedral," recorded in Dublin, Ireland as seen on Connecticut Public Television.

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The acclaimed Irish group consists of siblings Moya, Ciaran and Pol Brennan, along with twin uncles Noel and Pdraig Duggan. To create its timeless sound, the group weaves the music they heard growing up on the remote northwest coast of Ireland. During the 1970s, they recorded six traditional albums, including two with younger sister Enya, who now has her own highly successful solo career.

The Grammy-winning band's first big break came in the early '80s when the "Theme From Harry's Game" became a chart hit, and was later popular in America when it was used in a Volkswagen commercial.

The song "In a Lifetime," a duet with U2's Bono, also put them on the charts. The group has been successful recording music for television and films, including "Last of the Mohicans" and "Patriot Games."

Tickets for Clannad's Sept. 30 show are \$49.50 and \$42.50, plus service charges. Visit www.warnertheatre.org, or charge by phone at 860-489-7180.

LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF MUSIC: For Matt Fitzgibbons, music and



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Matt Fitzgibbons continues his patriotic ways with his new CD, 'Entitled.'

liberty go hand in hand.

Since 2005, Fitzgibbons has created nonpartisan music to inspire people to think about individual liberty and to help spread positive, creative ways to secure freedoms and rights. Fitzgibbons writes modern songs with powerful truths, and plays a variety of instruments on his self-produced recordings.

His first CD, "Patriot," reached thousands of people with his message. In 2007, a follow-up titled "Patriot 2: A Celebration of Liberty" continued his mission and featured the Constitution on the cover, with a muddy footprint and a hand wiping it clean. Both CDs won ASCAP awards and received positive reviews across the country. In 2007, his song "Freedom" was featured in a historical documentary called "The Gang."

Fitzgibbons' latest CD is called "Entitled," and features appearances by Rich Roger on guitar and Vinnie Bockius on bass, along with engineer A.J. Sorenson. The cover is an acrylic painting of Uncle Sam in the foreground after having been mugged and beaten up by two figures, walking away: a donkey and elephant. He hired a local artist to paint the scene from his idea.

"We're more divided now than we have been since our Civil War because we've forgotten the simple, but timeless truths in our Founding Principles. It's been over 40 years since the public has been involved in creating a Constitutional Amendment and that's too long. Our system was designed with the hope that every generation would participate.

One vote every couple of years is not enough," Fitzgibbons said in a press release. Fitzgibbons' music is getting attention from music fans around the country, including airplay on a variety of FM stations.

For information, free music and videos, visit www.PatriotMusic.com.

HELP A CAMPER: The Litchfield Jazz Festival is still a few months away, the event's accompanying Litchfield Jazz Camp could use some help.

The Festival hopes to raise \$10,000 to help send 10 youngster in need to camp prior the festival, for one week per student. The camp runs from July 8 to Aug. 10, and culminates at the festival, Aug. 10 to Aug. 12 at the Goshen Fairgrounds.

The Litchfield Jazz Festival currently has a www.indiegogo.com campaign for fundraising. Recent cuts by the state to support the arts and arts education encouraged the not-for-profit Litchfield Performing Arts, parent of the jazz programs, to strike out on its own and try innovative approaches to raising money. To help jazz students attend camp this summer, visit www.indiegogo.com/jazzcamp through June 3.

The final fundraiser for the season will be the festival's Opening Night Jazz Party on Aug. 10. Organized with help from Lark Mason, a star of the popular "Antiques Roadshow" and founder of iGavel, an online auction site, an online auction will begin several weeks before the festival and end on Aug. 15. A brief live and silent auction at the festival will offer items like a vacation in Eluhtera, an island in the Bahamas, a week at a lake house in Litchfield County, Jazz Memorabilia, dinners and music in private homes and more.

For tickets to the festival and its opening night gala, call 860-361-6285 or visit www.litchfieldjazzfest.com.

THIS DAY IN ROCK HISTORY: On this day in 1941, Robert Allen Zimmerman is born in Duluth, Minn. He's better known today as Bob Dylan.

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