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The 17th edition of the Guinness Irish Festival will be held on August 4, 5 and 6 2011 in the particular place of the "Domaine bourgeoisial des Îles" in Sion, Wallis/Switzerland. This year offers a high level programme and promises once more unforgettable moments of musical pleasures. Here is the poster 2011. Celtic addicts oblige!

The festivities begin Thursday, August 4, with **Tri Yann**, a group coming from Nantes (France). They are celebrating on the Guinness Irish Festival scene of their 40 year career and we will discover their universe of Breton music. Afterwards, we welcome **Horslips**, a legend group and founding fathers of the Celtic rock. This first evening ends with **Sultans of Swing**, cover band of Dire Straits. Be sure, all the hits of the famous Scottish group will be played until late into the night.

Mairtin O'Connor's Band opens the Friday evening. This Irish trio is composed of musicians, which talent's is recognised in the Celtic world as they have played in many concerts in Ireland, Europe and Australia. Then enters **Peatdog Fairies** on the scene, one of the most famous Scottish groups of the contemporary folk music. Another birthday closes this second night with the Canadians **The Mahones**, set up 20 years ago; a very Celtic punk jubilee.

To close this 2011 edition of the Guinness Irish Festival, we receive the Swiss **Pubside Down**. They are playing Celtic rock allying traditional melodies with pop cultures, country rock and Latino. Then, we will have the tremendous honour to welcome **Alan Kelly** who is considered to be the most talented accordionist of his generation. An incredible artist who has participated in many concerts. Then **Carlos Nunez** is back from his native Galicia (Spain). Do we still have to introduce him? It is said that "he is the only planetary star of the bagpipes" or "the Jimmy Hendrix of the gaïta". We will end this 17th festival with **Wolfstone**, a Scottish group mixing traditional music and rock with a unbounded scenic energy.

The tickets are sold at Ticket Corner (www.ticketcorner.ch or by phone 0848 800 800).

We are looking forward to share this new edition of the Guinness Irish Festival with a faithful and always more numerous public in the idyllic place of the "Îles" in Sion.

All our thanks go to the City of Sion, the « Bourgeoisie » of Sion as well as to all our sponsors and partners for their confidence and precious support. We are happy to propose once again unforgettable Celtic moments.

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