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— *The Irish News*

"The McPeakes have been a musical force, resource,
and national treasure for nearly a hundred years."

— *The Belfast Telegraph*

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For generations of folk music enthusiasts the name of *The McPeake Family* of Belfast has stood for one of the most distinctive sounds in Irish music. World-renowned throughout the 1950s and '60s, *The McPeake Family* has been credited with transferring Irish Traditional Music from the kitchen to the world stage. Family patriarch Francis McPeake I composed the ballad "*Wild Mountain Thyme*," which became the Family's signature song. It has since been sung the world over by artists such as Bob Dylan, Mark Knopfler, Van Morrison, Joan Baez, and Rod Stewart. Many other artists, including The Beatles, Pete Seeger, and Donovan, have credited *The McPeake Family* with being an important influence.

Francis McPeake IV, the fourth generation of this world-famous musical dynasty, is one of the few authentic *uilleann* pipers in the world today. During the last 20 years, he performed with, managed, and coordinated tours of *The McPeake Family* throughout the UK, America, and Europe, as well as overseeing *The McPeake School of Music*.

Francis IV has now persuaded family members to once again come together as a performing unit, putting together a revived band, *McPeake*, which stands unique in the world of music. With its fusion of original Celtic compositions and contemporary rhythms and styles, there are no musical borders that *McPeake* does not cross. As the family legacy once again thrives, *McPeake's* unique approach to blending Irish traditional, folk, acoustic, and country music has generated widespread interest and considerable audience enthusiasm.

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