

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Springfield's St. Patrick's Day Parade committee is pleased to announce the continuation of a popular event for this year's downtown celebration.

The FIFTH annual IRISH IDOL contest will be held on the Square beginning at 11:30 a.m. the day of the Parade. This year's parade will be Saturday, March 13. Contestants are encouraged to perform songs with an Irish theme or origin. Contestants must provide their own backup music. A PA system and CD player will be provided. Contestants will be judged on stage presence, originality, musical talent, and how much fun they are having. The contest is for AMATUERS ONLY. There is no entry fee. A \$100 prize and a special ride in the parade will be awarded the winner. The winner will also present their winning performance at the awards ceremony immediately following the parade.

Last year's Irish Idol was Mr. Nathan Olson.

Persons wishing to enter the contest must register online at www.springfieldstpatsparade.org or by calling 417.831.6200 or Fax 417.831.6217.

