Ireland’s Authentic Ensemble Danú performs at Bankhead

LIVERMORE — Danú, one of today’s leading traditional Irish ensembles, will bring an enthralling mix of ancient Irish music and new repertoire to the Bankhead Theater on the night before the most Irish of holidays, St. Patrick’s Day.

With band members hailing from the historic Counties of Waterford, Cork, Dublin and Donegal, Danú offers the music of their heritage in a performance that has been called, “impressive, immersive and uniquely and unmistakably Irish.” Tickets for the single performance on Friday evening March 16 at 8 p.m. start at $40 with $17 tickets available for students and active military personnel. For tickets visit lvpac.org or call 925-383-6800

Danú was formed in 1995 as part of Ireland’s delegation to the annual Lorient Inter-Celtic Festival in France, the largest gathering of Celtic nations in the world. Their self-titled debut album was released two years later to critical acclaim and they were subsequently signed to a multi-album record deal.

The virtuoso players of Danú unite the sounds of the flute, tin whistle, fiddle, button accordion, and bouzouki, accompanied by vocals in both Irish and English. They have won numerous awards from the BBC and Irish Music magazine and toured Europe, the Middle East, and North America, performing at such prestigious venues as the Hollywood Bowl and Symphony Space in New York City. Thousands more have tuned in to hear Danu’s music in live broadcasts on National Public Radio, the CBC, and the BBC.

Over the past two decades, Danú has released five albums and a live DVD, as well as two independent releases which have earned them numerous awards from the BBC and Irish Music magazine. Danú’s star vocalist, Nell Ní Chróinín, brought her own history of awards to the group when she joined in 2016, having been named TG4 Traditional Singer of the Year in 2012 and honored with the prestigious Oireactas 'Corn Uí Riada' award in 2014.

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Danú, one of today’s leading traditional Irish ensembles, is performing March 16 at the Bankhead Theatre, 2400 First Street, Livermore.