

Free fiddlin' show



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Elite Irish fiddler Marie Reilly is touring in support of her new album, 'The Anvil.'

Ireland's Reilly to perform on Jan. 24 at Hunger Museum

Marie Reilly, a premier Irish fiddler who recently released her new album "The Anvil," will perform a free show at Ireland's Great Hunger Museum from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 24 at Quinnipiac University, 3011 Whitney Ave., Hamden.

Reilly, who is from County Longford, performs with a Leitrim fiddle style passed down through eight generations. She was born into a family steeped in Irish traditional music; her grandfather, father and uncles were all fiddle players. "The Anvil," which is dedicated to Reilly's father, Michael Reilly of Drumreilly County Leitrim, is a collection of some of the rarest tunes of South Leitrim and Longford, a region with a distinctive fiddling tradition. Marie Reilly learned to play many of the tunes from her father, a fiddling blacksmith, hence the CD's title.

During her career, Reilly has competed in and won numerous championship competitions at Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann, Fleadh Great Britain and a many festivals through-

out Ireland, England, Scotland and the United States. She has appeared on national television in Ireland, performed at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Dublin, Glucksman Ireland House at New York University, the Lincoln Center's Our-Land Festival in New York, the Irish Repertory Theatre in New York, the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts at Sacred Heart University and the Cell Theatre in New York.

Reilly studied classical music and graduated from the Royal Irish Academy of Music in Dublin. While living in England, she taught music in Birmingham and London. Along with teaching, she was a leading member of the folk group, The Battering Ram.

The Great Hunger Museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays.

For information about Reilly's performance, call 203-582-6500.