

Irish Tenors stop locally on Ellis Island Tour

By Ellen Blevens
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The Irish Tenors, the PBS phenomenon consisting of Roman Tynan, Anthony Kearns, and Finbar Wright, will make their Cincinnati debut at the Aronoff Center for the Arts on Sunday at 7 p.m.

The trio, in the midst of their "Ellis Island Tour" will present their traditional Irish tunes accompanied by a 47-piece orchestra led by director/conductor Frank McNamara. The evening of music will commemorate the history of immigrants, Irish and non-Irish, who traveled to the United States in pursuit of a better life.

Along the way, the tenors themselves are learning about the country that some of their ancestors came to so long ago.

"I believe some of my mother's family came through Ellis Island," Roman Tynan said.

"America has been great. We have sold out venues; we even sold out Madison Square Garden. It is a very good

"Each venue provides its own memories."

Tynan, who began his musical training at 33, joined with long-time friend Kearns and new friend Wright for a concert at the Royal Dublin Society Main Hall, and the Irish Tenors were born.

The Tenors are renown for their emotional performances of traditional Irish songs.

"I have a great pride in my homeland," Tynan said. "And I love to sing."

Tynan loved singing so much that, when the opportunity to tour with the other Irish Tenors arose, he left his job as a doctor of sports medicine to bring his talent to others.

"I live every moment for the moment," he said. "I have to have people around me, and I believe that everything I can do is great."

Millions of fans also believe that what the Irish Tenors do is great, as their albums have topped the Billboard charts.

The Ellis Island Tour concerts contain such beautiful and traditional Irish ballads as

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WHAT: The Irish Tenors "Ellis Island Tour"

WHERE: Proctor and Gamble Hall, Aronoff Center for the Arts, 650 Walnut, Cincinnati

WHEN: 7 p.m. Sunday

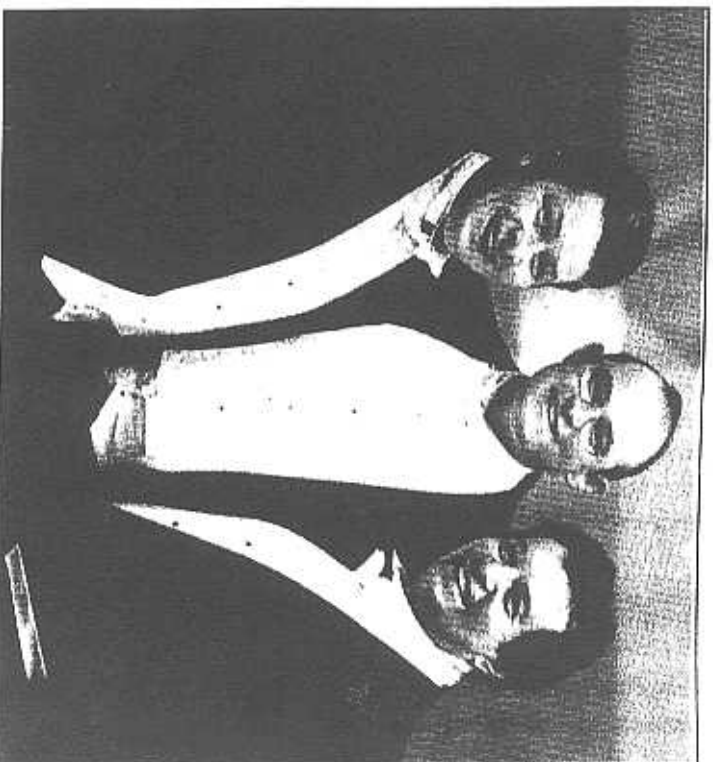
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"Danny Boy" and "Isle of Hope, Isle of Tears." It also contains a tribute song to the country which many Irish immigrants chose to call home, "God Bless America."

The tour comes to the U.S. Capitol on July 4, in a performance that will be aired live on PBS.

Tickets for the Cincinnati show are \$38.50 - 62.50 and are available at the Aronoff Center and Music Hall box offices, and at all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge by phone, call (513) 241-7469. For more information, go to www.capa.com.



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