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Interactive concert featuring Celtic music presented at children's dinner theater

Musicians Margie Butler and Paul Espinosa of Golden Bough will present an interactive concert of Celtic music at the Stanislaus County Library's Children's Dinner Theater program, Wednesday, September 16, at 6:30 p.m. The free program will be held in the downstairs auditorium of the Modesto Library, located at 1500 I Street.

The Celtic music of Ireland and Scotland has steadily increased in popularity over the past several years. The Celtic nations share a long history of culture and fine arts and their music often intertwines to create the powerfully emotional sound of what is now called Celtic music. Golden Bough was founded in 1980, with the concept of combining this music with various folk styles, highlighting their own compositions. In addition to the Celtic music of Ireland and Scotland, Golden Bough will perform music from the lesser known nations of Wales, Cornwall, The Isle of Man, French Brittany and Galicia in Spain.

Golden Bough presents the concert in an interactive style, providing not only fine musical entertainment, but a cultural learning experience for children. Related books and materials will also be on display and available for checkout.

"The Dinner Theater programs provide an opportunity for children to learn appropriate etiquette for live theater performances," said Librarian Sharon Arpoika, head of children's services. "After the program, they can check out books and strengthen the family tradition of reading, learning and using the library."

The dinner theater format is designed for families with children age six and up. Families bring their own picnic or fast food dinner. Coffee and punch are provided. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and the performance begins promptly at 7 p.m. Space is limited. Free advance tickets are required and are available now in the Modesto Children's Library. Children's Dinner Theater is sponsored by the Stanislaus County Library Foundation, through a grant from Omega Nu. For more information, please contact the Modesto Children's Library at 558-7810.

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