



## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Cape Fear Hooley Under the Bridge February 24, 2024 Waterline Brewing, 721 Surry Street, Wilmington, NC Live Irish Music and Irish Dancers

The 7<sup>th</sup> Cape Fear Hooley kicks off at 11:30 AM on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at Waterline Brewing and goes dark at 6:00 PM. The Hooley celebrates Irish/American culture in America and serves as a fundraiser for the Annual Downtown Wilmington St. Patrick's Day Parade (March 16, 2024). New on stage in 2024 will be an Irish pub band, Nine Times Around, and dancers from Triggle Academy.

Nine Times Around is a greater Raleigh-based energetic band that plays traditional and modern Irish songs from groups such as The Dubliners, The Pogues and Dropkick Murphys.

Triggle Academy is a World Champion Irish Dance Academy with locations in the Raleigh Triangle area. Triggle dancers perform and compete at Regional, National, and World levels, and audiences love participating throughout the shows.

Returning for a third Hooley appearance will be 2023 crowd-favorite Banna Band, which provides a high-energy, danceable set of Celtic-inspired originals and classic Celtic songs. The Wilmington Police Pipes and Drums will also perform, and the Hooley organizers anticipate a guest appearance by St. Patrick, along with a leprechaun or two. The Hooley will be hosted by WECT personality Daniella Hankey, and several food trucks will be present.

The tent and the seating have been expanded for 2024, and admission is free with donations accepted. Please feel free to bring your own chair to join in the fun. For more information, please see:

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