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## **UST Presents Traditional Irish Band Performing Music** On Melodeon, Banjo, Fiddle and Acoustic Piano

WHAT: The University of St. Thomas Center for Irish Studies Cultural Outreach Forum,

> UST Music Program and The Irish Society present the **Brock McGuíre Band**, playing traditional Irish music from the West of Ireland featuring the melodeon,

tenor banjo, fiddle and acoustic piano.

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008

WHERE: Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon

Parking available for \$2 in Moran Center, 3807 Graustark

BACKGROUND: The Brock McGuíre Band is an award-winning, Irish traditional band from

County Clare.

Master musicians Paul Brock, Enda Scahill, Manus McGuíre and Denis Carey evoke the atmosphere and artistry of the Irish dance hall era in dazzling fashion with their Irish traditional music from the West of Ireland featuring the melodeon, tenor banjo, fiddle and acoustic piano.

Paul Brock has been at the forefront of button accordion-playing for many years. A multiple All-Ireland champion, Brock was born in Athlone, County Westmeath, and now resides in Ennis.

Manus McGuire is widely regarded at home and abroad as one of Ireland's outstanding fiddle players. McGuire, originally from Sligo but now resident in East Clare, uses a dazzling technique that takes us to Scotland, Shetland, Cape Breton and Ireland.

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Enda Scahill comes from a musical family from Corofin in East Galway and has long established himself as one of the finest exponents of traditional Irish banjo playing. Enda accomplishes nearly impossible feats.

Denis Carey is a native of Newport, Co. Tipperary. Carey is a musician/composer/arranger with a diverse musical background from Irish traditional to classical, jazz and pop.

**COST**: Suggested donation \$10 at the door; students are free. No RSVP, seating is first-

come, first-served.

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