



John Whelan

with Special Guests **Rose Flanagan**
and **Jerry O'Sullivan**

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John Whelan was raised in a home that treasured the traditional music of Ireland and has carried that passion for his entire life. He is a 7-time All-Ireland Accordion Champion, who recorded his first album at the age of 14. In the U.S. he performed with Riverdance fiddler Eileen Ivers, recorded with other Celtic luminaries on the Narada label as well as solo, and started his own band in 1998. He has continued to win praise and honors including being named Traditionalist of the Year by Irish Echo magazine in 1998 which wrote "As an instrumentalist, composer, producer, and arranger who brings both passion and playfulness to his music while respecting the tradition it's rooted in John Whelan has richly earned the Irish Echo's highest honor."

Rose Flanagan is a traditional Irish fiddler from Rockland County in New York who originally began music lessons as a child with Martin Mulvihill while she was growing up in the Bronx. She further developed her Sligo style of playing with the help of Martin Wynne and her older brother Brian. She was an original member of the all women Irish Group "Cherish the Ladies" and currently has a large fiddle school in her hometown of Pearl River where she is hard at work preparing the next generation of great fiddle players.

Jerry O'Sullivan has been widely hailed as America's premier uilleann piper. His reputation for technical and melodic mastery of the instrument, an Irish bagpipe known for its subtlety and expression, is unsurpassed in the United States, and is demanding considerable attention overseas. Jerry is also widely recorded on the tin whistle, the low whistle, the Highland bagpipes, and the Scottish smallpipes.

First Congregational Church of Branford

1009 Main Street, Branford, CT

8:00 pm

Admission: \$12 members, \$15 non-members, \$5 children

To get there, take I-95 Cedar St. exit #54, go south on Cedar St. to the end (crossing Route 1), turn left on Main St., the Congregational Church is the brick church on the green (on the right).

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