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# The High Kings a great Irish tradition

The High Kings comes to the Mullingar Arts Centre on Saturday, October 25.

THE promo states 'a new and exciting ballad group has arrived' and when one looks at the line up it is easy to believe in the hype. Carrying on the great tradition of Irish music and balladeering, this ensemble have taken the music world by storm over the last twelve months with their return to their Celtic roots. Everyone enjoys a sing song and the High Kings have taken that and turned it into an art form that has had audiences enraptured both in Ireland and throughout the world.

The traditional melodies and lyrics of Irish music have not been sacrificed but

have been given a freshness and sparkle by musical director David Downes and from the rousing tones of the 'Rocky road to Dublin' to the haunting 'The Parting Glass,' this quartet have reinvigorated this most traditional of Irish art forms. The ensemble is Finbarr Clancy, son of Bobby Clancy of the famous Clancy brothers and a well known solo artist in his own right, Martin Furey, son of Finbarr Furey and a multi-instrumentalist of renown himself as well as being a strong vocalist, Brian Dunphy, son of showband singer Sean Dunphy, who is returning from a stint as featured soloist with Riverdance, and the lineup is completed by Darren Holden, just returned from playing the leading role

in the Billy Joel Musical 'Movin' out'. Added to these exceptional voices are the musical talents of Martin O'Connor on accordion, Nollaig Casey on fiddle, Dave Keery on guitar Paul Moore on double bass, Ewan Cowley on guitars and Robbie Harris on percussion and one can see the immense array of talent currently on tour in Ireland.

Tickets are reasonably priced at €28 and are available from the Arts Centre Box Office for the show on October 25. Come along and see the High Kings bring us back to our roots and create the best sing-along you are ever likely to hear