

# IRELAND

## Where the Song & Dance Began

Irish liaison officer for Southland.

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*Ireland — Where the Song and Dance Began*

Venue: Civic Theatre

Reviewer: KAREN ARNOLD

WILL Millar is ageless and last night this warm and wonderful Irish rover brought a show to Invercargill's Civic Theatre that leaves all others like it in its shadow.

From the beautiful Sheila Ryan who captured the audience with her gentle gaelic lullabies to the fantastic Carson fiddlers, *Ireland — Where the Song and Dance Began*, had something for everyone.

Will Millar wove his magic on a Civic Theatre crowd packed in all the way to the gallery.

He was backed up by the best traditional Irish dancers to visit Invercargill in recent times.

But the show was more than music, song and dance.

It was a story about the history of Ireland and Millar the storyteller told it with passion, forgiveness and humour.

The success of any show is usually judged by audience participation and Millar won it.

His endless Irish jokes brought tears of laughter, people clapped with the music and sang to the songs made popular by the Irish Rovers like *Unicorn* and *Black Velvet Band*.

The other performers, like Millar, were warm, witty and are all welcome back anytime.

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## What a great show

The show was absolutely wonderful and pure magical entertainment, with stunning, class acts.

Where the song and dance begins

### Audience blown away by Will Millar's band

Will Millar and his New Irish

With an impressive script, non-stop action, some stunning dancing done amid strobing spotlights and swirling smoke there was never a dull moment.

## Heavy Irish joie de vivre

WILL MILLAR'S heavy Irish

By IRENE CHAPPEL

### Engrossing show of dance, music, and wit

A great many New Zealanders, whether they care about it or not, have

Review

"If it is the purpose of theatre to move, stimulate and entertain an audience, then Ireland is successful on all counts." - Christchurch Press