



## Switchback delights local ears

(January 05, 2012)



Brian FitzGerald and Martin McCormack (the American traveling duo) will make any Irish eyes smile, and ears, too. Bringing a Celtic flare to traditional holiday tunes and engaging the audience with good old tasteful humor, Switchback gives back. A portion of the proceeds from Thursday evening's concert event benefitted the Historic Elk Rapids Town Hall Association's efforts to preserve and maintain this unique venue.

The duo did not steal the show they shared it like true Irishmen, with local talent provided by Stephanie O'Dell, Sam Naples, Dylan Sundberg, Dan Berck, Joe Yuchasz and Rob Ford. O'Dell graced the stage with her wide range of vocal talent, and while sharing the spotlight with McCormack and FitzGerald, the trio blended Celtic sound with a sultry bouquet of melodic harmony. Elk Rapids High School Alumni Naples, Sundberg, Berck and

Yuchasz were at home on the stage, and not only did they showcase their musical abilities, they generated many laughs, as well. If you have just an ounce of Irish blood running in your veins, you could not help but tap your feet. If your bloodline runs deep into the history of Ireland...you will be booking a trip, or at least checking into the next Switchback concert event nearest you.

– Sarah Ward, Staff Writer