Celtic Rock at Joe's of Lafayette **By Cathy Tyson**



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ocal band, "Pladdohg" will ✓ be celebrating the release of their new album, "More Songs About Drinking and Fighting," at Joe's of Lafayette on Saturday, October 13. How often do you get to enjoy a pint and listen to Stanley Intermediate School substitute teacher, Erin Bloom? How often is a Celtic rock band with a Scottish-Irish-American folk flavor playing locally? Not that often. Although to be fair, they played in Orinda to quite a large crowd as part of the Summer Concert series.

Bloom describes their music as, "Taking traditional songs and making them their own - kind of California Celtic. We 'Pladdohg' it." Their unique sound is the result of a collaborative effort; each of the seven mubrings their own sicians background, classical, jazz, rock and roll to the group.

"Putting together the CD

was such a learning experience, exciting and sometimes painful," reflects Bloom. It was recorded at Red House Studios in Walnut Creek. The tracks were laid in layers, first the percussion and rhythm, then guitar, mandolin and banjo, then flute and vocals.

Band members include Erin Bloom on vocals, bodhran (Irish drum) and tambourine, Eric Sorensen on guitar, banjo and vocals, Patrick Russ on guitar and mandolin, Josh Canetti, on vocals and bass, Robin DeMartini on flute and piccolo, Bruce Isom on percussion and accordion, and Scott Kambie on drums and vocals.

For more information on the band, see their website. www.pdogmusic.com, there's a myspace.com link on their homepage, if you'd like to listen to a few songs. CD's available on cdbaby.com.

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