



IRISH

Niamh Parsons

The gift of Irish singing was directly bestowed upon Niamh Parsons. She dedicates her soon-to-be-released Green Linnet CD, *Heart's Desire*, to the memory of her father, Jack Parsons, and recalls fondly the days he would have the entire family harmonizing on the old songs. You may have heard Niamh (pronounced Neeve) performing as the lead vocalist with the Irish traditional band Arcady, but *Heart's Desire* promises an evening even more down home. The singing is all-important, the instruments are politely supportive — a soft drone of accordion here, guitars playing a set of reels there — to give the singers a moment to moisten their throats. Close your eyes and the rich timbre of Parsons' voice will transport you to that evening by the fire.

—Mary Armstrong

Sat., May 4, 9 p.m., \$15, \$12 Céilí Group members, Commodore Barry Club, 6715 Emlen St., 215-849-8899.