

PITTSBURGH'S **BRIDGE** TO IRELAND



26TH ANNUAL CELTIC CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 9-10-11
AT THE RIVERPLEX

FESTIVAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

FEAST ON IRISH CUISINE AND ENJOY A SAMPLING OF CELTIC BEVERAGES

Relish the mouthwatering sights, aromas and tastes coming from our Irish kitchens! From a bite to a hearty meal, we serve Irish sausage, Irish stew, boxty pancakes, corned beef and cabbage, Dublin Coddle, potato soup, fish, colcannon, ham and cabbage and much more! Our desserts are plentiful and delicious. While you are there, enjoy a wide variety of Celtic beverages at our Tara Tea Tent and numerous pubs!

DELIGHT IN DANCE AND MUSIC PERFORMANCES

View continuous entertainment in 6 performance areas, presented by adult and children's dance ensembles, all colorfully costumed and skillfully choreographed. In addition, our contemporary and traditional Irish musicians will bring you to your feet as they continue the party as only the Irish can!

WATCH IRISH ARTISANS AND HISTORIANS AT WORK

Learn about Ireland's geography, history, sports, tourism, music and more as our outreach participants demonstrate their unique skills passed along from generation to generation and display their creative work. You can even make a piece of Irish art to take home at our continuous demonstration and craft area.

IRISH DOG TENT

Visit with the dogs native to Ireland! Meet all of the breeds: Irish Setter, Irish Wolfhound, Irish Water Spaniel, Irish Terrier, Kerry Beagle, Glen of Imaal, Irish Red & White Setter, Kerry Blue Terrier, and the Soft-coated Wheaten Terrier. Please call our office at 412-422-1113 to include your Irish dog in the festivities.

SHOP FOR IRISH GIFTS

A favorite area of the festival is the Irish Marketplace where unique shopping booths display a panorama of Irish items for sale. Take home a specialized clothing article, piece of art, interesting trinket or souvenir. Guaranteed Irish, we feature over 30 specialty booths. Don't forget to visit our festival's award-winning t-shirt booth!

MEET PITTSBURGH'S IRISH ORGANIZATIONS

Members will be on hand with lots of information and an invitation to join them!

DISCOVER YOUR IRISH FAMILY TREE

Trace that elusive Irish ancestor by visiting the Genealogy Pavilion. Learn how to search locally and online for long-lost family members here and on the Auld Sod.

IRISH INSTRUMENT DISPLAY

Fiddles and flutes, tin whistles and Uilleann pipes, banjos and harps! This year our Irish Educational Cottage will continue the cultural display tradition by featuring some Irish instruments, old and new, that celebrates this aspect of the rich heritage of Ireland. If you have any instruments that you would like to contribute to the display, on loan or to sell, please let us know!

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CHILDREN'S IRISH ARTS & CRAFTS

For our wee folk! Take home a hand-made souvenir, enjoy an Irish story, sing-a-long and even dance an Irish jig!

BLARNEY BINGO

Bring your daubers and good luck charms as you try your hand at Irish Bingo!

HEDGE SCHOOL

One of the most popular areas at the festival is the Pittsburgh Irish Festival's Hedge School. Based on the infamous Penal Laws, hedge schools developed in Ireland in response to the bans placed on educating Irish natives about their history, traditions and culture. As a result, lessons were taught in secret in a barn or in the shadow of a hedge. We are proud to offer on-going educational sessions in the areas of history, legends, music, language, dance, sports, and symbols of Ireland.

CULTURAL AND DANCE STAGE

Expanded to accommodate all the wonderful dance groups and cultural aspects of Ireland, we present the Cultural and Dance Stage. Highlights include performances by Pittsburgh Irish and Classical Theatre, Festival musicians, and world champion Irish step dancers.

SESSION TENT

Musicians, bring your instrument and get into the Festival for free. Join other musicians and play your favorite Irish songs throughout the weekend!

IRISH AUTHORS' CORNER

Learn about Ireland and its lore while meeting visiting authors at this year's Irish Festival. Buy a book and get it autographed. Hear the authors' tales during the weekend at the Hedge School.

IRISH BEVERAGE TASTING!

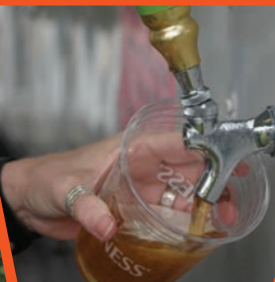
The most exciting thing about Irish Beverages are the unique diversities of their flavors, a compelling reason to conduct and attend a beverage tasting! Comparing and contrasting Irish Beverages is also a great way to learn more about them. THIS YEAR WE ARE INTRODUCING WHISKEYS FROM OUR CELTIC COUSINS AS WELL! A \$20 ticket to our Beverage Tasting Tent includes expert presentation, amazing tasting experiences, a free commemorative, and collectible Pittsburgh Irish Festival shot glass, (only available in the Tasting Tent) and 20% off specialized Irish pint and other glassware! Tickets are limited per the following tasting schedule and can be bought on site while they last! Call us at 412-422- 1113 to purchase your ticket in advance!

OTHER FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Storyteller - Alan Irvine, Celtic Harper - Dennis Doyle, Bagpipes and Blarney with Patrick Regan, traditional step and ceili dance workshops and performance, Irish instrument and cultural area demonstrations, and Gaelic names with Sean.

26 YEARS OF AUTHENTIC IRISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE FAMILY!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR GAELIC MASS SUNDAY AT 10 A.M.



2016 ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2016

4:00 pm	Macdonald Pipe Band of Pittsburgh (UPMC)
4:15 pm	Weekend at Blarney's (MPS)
5:30 pm	Donnie Irish (CS)
5:45 pm	Socks in the Frying Pan (UPMC)
	Terry Griffith (MPS)
6:45 pm	Corned Beef and Curry (CS)
	Mike Gallagher (MPS)
7:00 pm	Skerryvore (UPMC)
8:00 pm	Ruaile Buaile (CS)
	The Bog Carrots and Ceili Dancing with Liz Shovlin (MPS)
8:15 pm	Screaming Orphans (UPMC)
9:15 pm	Red Hand Paddy (CS)
9:30 pm	Scythian (UPMC)



RUAILE BUAILE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

11:15 am	Children's Irish Dance Matinee (CS)
11:30 am	Na Gaels (MPS)
12:45 pm	Dennis Doyle (MPS)
1:00 pm	Bell School of Irish Dance (UPMC)
1:15 pm	Alan Irvine (storyteller) (HS)
1:30 pm	Shovlin Academy of Irish Dance (UPMC)
2:00 pm	Terry Griffith (MPS)
	Burke-Conroy School of Irish Dance (CD)
2:30 pm	1916 Remembrance with Tom Sweeney, Evans & Doherty (UPMC)
	Donnie Irish (CS)
2:45 pm	Dennis Doyle (MPS)
3:00 pm	Alan Irvine (storyteller) (HS)
	Bell School of Irish Dance (CD)
4:00 pm	Screaming Orphans (UPMC)
	Shovlin Academy of Irish Dance (CD)
4:15 pm	Evans & Doherty (CS)
	Mark Guiser (MPS)
5:30 pm	The Step Crew (UPMC)
	Tom Sweeney (MPS)
	Burke Conroy School of Irish Dance (CS)
6:30 pm	Ruaile Buaile (CS)
6:45 pm	Socks in the Frying Pan (UPMC)
7:00 pm	Irish Ghost Stories - Alan Irvine (Storyteller) (HS)
7:45 pm	Makem and Spain (CS)
8:00 pm	Screaming Orphans (UPMC)
	The Bog Carrots and Ceili Dancing with Liz Shovlin (MPS)
9:00 pm	The Wild Geese (CS)
9:30 pm	Skerryvore (UPMC)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

10:00 am	Irish Mass with Father Brian Cronin, C.S.Sp. (CS)
11:30 am	Patrick Regan (CS)
11:45 am	Pittsburgh Ceili Club (UPMC)
	Dennis Doyle (MPS)
12:15 pm	Ballet Academy of Pittsburgh (UPMC)
12:30 pm	Pittsburgh Irish Reelers (UPMC)
	Cahal Dunne (CS)
1:00 pm	Pittsburgh Police Emerald Society Pipes and Drums (MPS)
1:30 pm	Socks in the Frying Pan (UPMC)
1:45 pm	County Mayo (MPS)
2:00 pm	Ruaile Buaile (CS)
2:45 pm	The Step Crew (UPMC)
3:00 pm	Terry Griffith (MPS)
3:15 pm	1916 w Tom Sweeney, Evans & Doherty, and Makem and Spain (CS)
4:15 pm	Skerryvore (UPMC)
	Jack Puskar (MPS)

(UPMC) UPMC HEALTH PLAN AMPHITHEATRE
(CS) CELTIC SPIRIT STAGE
(MPS) MAGNERS PUB STAGE
(HS) HEDGE SCHOOL
(CD) CULTURAL/DANCE STAGE



UPMC HEALTH PLAN



SKERRYVORE



SCYTHIAN



MAKEM AND SPAIN



SOCKS IN THE FRYING PAN



THE STEP CREW



SCREAMING ORPHANS



FESTIVAL HOURS

Friday, Sept 9 - 4:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Saturday, Sept 10 - 11:00 am - 11:00 pm

Sunday, Sept 11 - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Riverplex • 1000 Sandcastle Drive • West Homestead, PA 15120
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For more information, future mailings or to volunteer at the festival, please call/text (412)422-1113 or visit pghirishfest.org for up-to-date information and sign up links.

GETTING TO THE FESTIVAL

BUS IT. All port authority bus numbers to Riverplex / Waterfront:
53L, 53, 57, 59, 61D, 64 • portauthority.org • (412)442-2000

DRIVE IT. Plenty of Parking and Shuttle Service Available

BIKE IT. Great Allegheny Passage (GAP) is now open.
Plenty of bike parking is available

TICKETS

\$12 adult/advance • **\$15** adult/at the gate • **\$10** Senior over 60 years/Students with Valid ID/Military (active and retired with ID)/Public Safety Officer with ID
FREE! Children 12 & under

NEW! \$30 WEEKEND PASS | GROUP RATES AVAILABLE.

Buy your advance tickets by calling the Pittsburgh Irish Festival Office at (412)422-1113

\$5 ADMISSION FRIDAY 4:00-6:00PM

\$5 ADMISSION FRIDAY 6:00-8:00PM WITH COLLEGE I.D.

Call/Text (412)422-1113 for ticket information.

VOLUNTEER PARTY

Become a volunteer and join us at Mullaney's Harp and Fiddle (24th and Penn Ave., Strip District) on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Bring a friend! Call (412)913-8446 to register. Entertainment and refreshments provided.

Volunteer Opportunities Still Available! Join the Fun!

Go online to sign up www.pghirishfest.org or call 412-422-1113

DESIGNATED DRIVER PROGRAM

Register at the Pittsburgh Irish Festival Volunteer Booth in the Amphitheatre.

UPMC HEALTH PLAN



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PITTSBURGH IRISH FESTIVAL GOES GREEN

The Irish know their green! This year we are focusing on our green with tips and practices that contribute to a more environmentally and ecologically responsible festival!



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\$2 OFF

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

Present this coupon and receive \$2.00 OFF the price of ONE regular adult admission purchased for Sunday, September 11, 2016 ONLY. May not be combined with any other discounts or offers. NO CASH VALUE.

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