

SEPTEMBER 10-12, 2021



PITTSBURGH
IRISH
FESTIVAL

the Lots
AT SANDCASTLE

#PGHIRISHFEST

FESTIVAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES Subject to change

ANCIENT CELTIC AXE THROWING

We are partnering with Ace Axe Throwing to bring you the sport of Ancient Celtic Axe Throwing! Guests 16+ wearing **closed-toe shoes** will get to try their hand at axe throwing for free with festival admission!

A TASTE OF IRELAND

Festival visitors will be able to sample and purchase foods and snacks made in Ireland! Take home items like Guinness chocolate, Keogh's potato chips, Mileeven Honey with Jameson, soda bread & scone mixes, Butlers candy bars, Irish teas & coffees, and so much more!

**New this year, gluten free and organic items!*

NEW! WATCH THE GAME

The Pittsburgh Irish Festival usually means it is time for football season! Watch the Steelers, Pitt Panthers, and more on our big screen while you enjoy a Guinness and some Irish Stew!

NEW! CULTURAL COTTAGE: IRELAND IN BLOOM

This year's Cultural Cottage reflects the prominent floral presence that the unique mistiness of the Emerald Isle supports. The flowers and plant life that thrive in Irish soil extend well beyond shamrocks and four-leaf clovers. We can wait for you to see and smell these beauties.

NEW! IRISH COMEDY

Ireland: small country, big laughs! See Irish comedy on Friday, 9/10 and Saturday, 9/11 for the first time ever at this year's Festival. Sean Finnerty, the first Irish comedian to perform on The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon and number one ranked roast comic in NYC, and David Nihill, winner of the San Francisco Comedy Competition and first Irish comedian to have a special on Dry Bar Comedy, will be featured in this new addition to the Festival! **Parental Advisory*

NEW! AN EXHIBITION: A HISTORY OF IRELAND IN 10 WORDS

Accompanying the book, *A History of Ireland in 100 Words*, by Sharon Arbuthnot, Máire Ní Mhaonaigh and Gregory Toner, published by the Royal Irish Academy, this exhibition presents a history of Gaelic Ireland through ten words used by its people.

FEAST ON IRISH CUISINE & 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, Shepherd's Pie, 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 Tara Tea and numerous pubs!



IRISH DOG AREA

Visit with the dogs native to Ireland! Meet Irish breeds: Irish Setter, Irish Wolfhounds, Irish Water Spaniel, Irish Terrier, Glen of Imaal, Irish Red and White Setter, Kerry Beagle, Kerry Blue Terrier, and the Soft-coated Wheaten Terrier. Email us at pgghirishfestival@gmail.com to include your dog in the festivities.

**Breeds and dog lengths of stay are subject to change and may be limited due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

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 here and on the Auld Sod.

Forms and reference books are on-site to guide you as you begin or restart the process of climbing your Family Tree.

NEW! FIVE FARMS FIREWORKS!

Presented by Five Farms Irish Cream, help us kick off the 30th Anniversary Festival with a firework display from Zambelli Fireworks on Friday, September 10 at 10:45 pm!



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CULTURAL HEDGE SCHOOL STAGE

One of the most popular areas at the festival is the 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.

DELIGHT IN DANCE AND MUSIC PERFORMANCES

View continuous entertainment in four 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!

LEPRECHAUN'S LANDING (CHILDREN'S IRISH ARTS, CRAFTS, & GAMES)

For our wee folk! Take home a hand-made souvenir, enjoy an Irish story, sing-a-long, and even dance an Irish jig! Play a round of mini golf on our Royal County Down course, hop around on "Nessie" our Loch Ness Monster and The Irish Castle bounce houses, and try your luck at one of our custom games!

SHOP AT THE IRISH MARKETPLACE

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 50 specialty booths. Don't forget to visit our Festival's award-winning t-shirt booth!

CULTURAL BEVERAGE TASTINGS

For our guests 21+, beverage tasting is included in the price of your Festival admission ticket! Visit our Cultural Beverage Tasting area as we experience the charm, depth and diversity of flavor found in Irish whiskeys, mead, and more. Each booth will feature professionally curated tastings conducted by a whiskey master, Protector of the Peat, or mead maker. You will get to compare and contrast the unique qualities of legendary brands. This area is brought to you by Kingview Mead, Jameson Irish Whiskey, Five Farms Irish Cream, and Drumshanbo Gunpowder Irish Gin. Visit pgghirishfest.org for a complete list of featured brands.

RAFFLE

Stop by our Festival Raffle Booth for your chance to win Irish gift items, Festival merchandise, tickets to local events, gift cards, and more! In celebration of our 30th Anniversary we will also be raffling off a private tour of Ireland* thanks to our tourism partner, Little Gem Tours. **Visit pgghirishfest.org for details, rules, and regulations.*

MEET PITTSBURGH'S IRISH ORGANIZATIONS

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

SESSION TENT

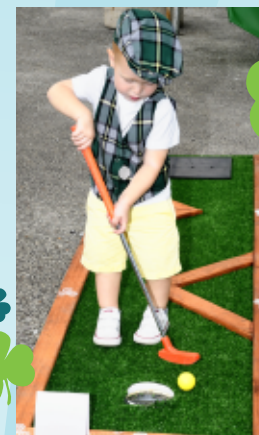
Musicians, bring your instrument and get into the Festival for free. Join other musicians and play your favorite Irish songs throughout the weekend!

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.

OTHER FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Storytelling from Alan Irvine, Celtic Harper - Dennis Doyle, traditional step and ceili dance workshops and performances, Irish instrument and cultural area demonstrations, strolling bagpipers, Gaelic sports demonstrations, and Gaelic names with Sean. You'll never know what's around each corner at the Pittsburgh Irish Festival!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR **IRISH MASS** SUNDAY AT 10 AM

A PREVIEW OF OUR LINEUP Subject to change



GAELIC STORM



DAVID NIHILL, COMEDIAN



RORY MAKEM



THE BOW TIDES



CORNEB BEEF & CURRY



BROTHER ANGUS



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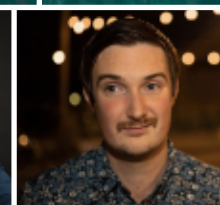
BASTARD BEARDED IRISHMEN



THE WILD GEESE



ENDA REILLY



SEAN FINNERTY, COMEDIAN



SCREAMING ORPHANS

2021 ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE



Scan this code or go online to pgirishfest.org to view our **2021 ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE!**

**Schedule subject to change. Check pgirishfest.org for the most up-to-date schedule.*

*ENTERTAINMENT SUBJECT TO CHANGE



KEEPING YOU SAFE:

Your safety, and that of PIF staff, volunteers, vendors, and entertainers, is our highest priority.

The Pittsburgh Irish Festival will adhere to all CDC COVID-19 recommended guidelines as well as all local and state restrictions that are in place at the time of the Festival. As this is continually evolving, please visit pgirishfest.org/covid-19 before you arrive to learn about what guidelines will be in place.



FESTIVAL HOURS

Friday, Sept 10: 4 pm – 11 pm

Saturday, Sept 11: 11 am – 11 pm

Sunday, Sept 12: 9 am – 5 pm

THE LOTS AT SANDCASTLE • 1000 Sandcastle Drive • West Homestead, PA 15120
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Be sure to check out our website pghirishfest.org to read everything you need to know before you go!

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. Visit portauthority.org or call 412-442-2000 for all bus routes heading to Sandcastle/Waterfront.

DRIVE IT. Park at the Festival for \$7. Lot shuttle service available. Advance purchase VIP Parking and complete parking map available at pghirishfest.org.

BIKE IT. Get to us via the Great Allegheny Passage Bike Trail. Plenty of bike parking available.

CATCH A RIDE. Uber, Lyft, & Taxis conveniently drop-off and pick-up at the Festival Entrance.



TICKETS

Purchasing tickets online in advance is highly recommended. Visit pghirishfest.org to purchase yours.

\$12 Adult/Advance | **\$15** Adult/At The Gate

\$12 Senior 60+/Students/Public Safety Officers
Nurses/Active or Retired Military
(all with valid ID)

FREE Children 12 & Under

Call/text (412) 422-1113 or email
pghirishfestival@gmail.com for ticket information

\$35 WEEKEND
PASS

Group Rates Available

\$5 Admission Friday 4-6 pm

\$5 Admission Friday 6-8 pm
(With College ID)

\$5 Admission Sunday 3-5 pm

VOLUNTEER PARTY

Details for our annual volunteer party will be announced soon – visit pghirishfest.org for the latest info.

JOIN THE FUN!
Volunteer Opportunities
Still Available!

Go online to sign up at
pghirishfest.org or call (412) 422-1113



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A collaborative non-profit for preservation & promotion of all things Irish.



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OFF

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Present this coupon and receive \$2.00 OFF the price of ONE regular adult admission purchased for Sunday, September 12, 2021 ONLY. May not be combined with any other discounts or offers. NO CASH VALUE.

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