

CELEBRATING THE

Magic of Ireland



SEPTEMBER 8-10, 2023

Carrie Blast Furnaces
National Historic Landmark



FESTIVAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES Subject to change

NEW! 360° Virtual Tours of Ireland

For the first time at the Fest, take a fully immersive virtual reality tour of the Cliffs of Moher in Ireland. Guests will be able to take in the sights and sounds of one of Ireland's most popular tourist destinations, all from the comfort of the Pittsburgh Irish Festival and free with your Festival admission.

NEW! Enhanced Gaelic Sports Programs & Demos

Hurling, Camogie, and Gaelic Football are traditional Irish sports that hold deep cultural significance and captivate fans with their unique gameplay. Pittsburgh is home to professional and youth teams who have achieved great success both on and off the field with multiple Midwest and National Championship wins! This year, take a deep dive into these sports – learn the rules, meet the players, and try your hand at these incredible Gaelic Sports! Full program schedule is available at pghirishfest.org.

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 and scone mixes, Butlers candy bars, Irish teas & coffees, and so much more!

Plus, gluten free, plant-based, and organic items!

Five Farms Irish Cream Celtic Kitchen

Presented by Five Farms Irish Cream, watch both professional and amateur bakers and chefs demonstrate cooking and baking delightful treats! Celtic cooking is hearty, simple, and tasty – enjoy this hands-on look of the preparation of old-world recipes with new world adaptations. The full demo schedule will be available at pghirishfest.org

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, fish and chips, 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! Visit pghirishfest.org for a full list of menus and beverage offerings.



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 pghirishfestival@gmail.com to include your dog in the festivities.

**Breeds and dog lengths of stay are subject to change.*

NEW! Steeltown Acoustic Instrument Experience

The Steeltown Acoustic Instruments Experience (SAIE) is an interactive, educational, and a "play music on the spot" experience for people to show their musical talent and to learn about a variety of instruments and how they connect to Celtic music.

Carrie Furnace Mini Tours

The National Historic Landmark Carrie Blast Furnaces #6 & #7, opened in 1907 and taken offline in 1978, are extremely rare examples of pre-World War II iron-making technology. The site is managed by the Rivers of Steel. For a small fee, Rivers of Steel will present mini tours of the site during the Festival. During the tour, you'll learn about the iron-making process and the men and women who worked there. Many of the workers were of Irish origin or descent and played a large part in the development of the industry and the region.

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 stout and some Irish Stew in our Ya Jagoff! Sports Lounge!



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Irish Comedy

Get ready to laugh your arse off! See Irish comedy on Friday, 9/8 and Saturday, 9/9. This year's Irish comedy show will feature Sean Finnerty, the first ever Irish comedian to perform on the Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon, and Mick Thomas, one of the most sought after acts in clubs and casinos up and down the East Coast.

**Parental Advisory*

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. If you are looking for an ancestor that may have worked at Carrie Furnaces, the volunteers in the Genealogy Pavilion can point you in the right direction!

Delight in Dance & Music Performances

View continuous entertainment in 4 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 Area/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!

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 and diversity of flavor found in Irish whiskeys, and 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, Dubliner Irish Whiskey, Sullivan's Brewing Company, and Five Farms Irish Cream. Visit pghirishfest.org for a complete list of featured brands.



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.

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 merchandise booth!

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! **We will also be raffling off a private tour of Ireland* thanks to our tourism partner, Little Gem Tours.**

**Visit pghirishfest.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!

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.

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!

Other Festival Highlights

Storytelling from Alan Irvine, Celtic Harper – Dennis Doyle, traditional step and celi 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, Sept. 10 at 10 am

Accessibility at the Pittsburgh Irish Festival

EVERYONE is welcome at the Pittsburgh Irish Festival. Visit the accessibility and special needs page of our website to learn about: scooter rentals, info on special dietary needs, sensory bags, our new baby care tent, and more!

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Screaming Orphans



Ally the Piper



Eileen Ivers

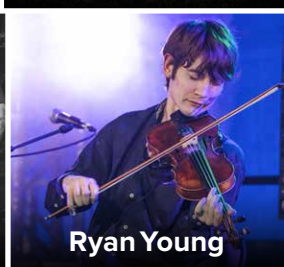
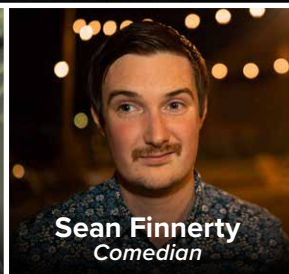
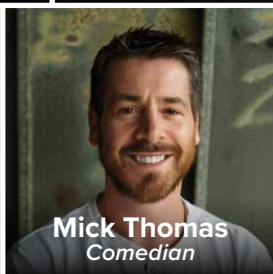
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2023 Entertainment Schedule!



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

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♣️ ADDITIONAL ENTERTAINERS ♣️

Abbotts Cross • Alan Irvine, Storyteller • Bealtaine • Bell School of Irish Dance
Devilish Merry • Donnie Irish • Fitzpatrick School of Irish Dance PGH
Macdonald Pipe Band • Mark Guiser • Mike Flaherty • Mike Gallagher
Pittsburgh Ceili Club • Pittsburgh Irish Festival Ceili Band • Rust Town Rounders
Sean Patrick Regan, Bagpiper • Shovlin Academy of Irish Dance • Weekend at Blarney's



FESTIVAL HOURS

Friday, Sept. 8 • 4 pm - 11 pm

Saturday, Sept. 9 • 11 am - 11 pm

Sunday, Sept. 10 • 9 am - 5 pm

Carrie Blast Furnaces National Historic Landmark

801 Carrie Furnace Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15218 • (412) 422-1113 • PghIrishFest.org

Be sure to check out our website pghirishfest.org to read everything you need to “know before you go”!

Carrie Furnace is a historic and raw space. We recommend wearing comfortable walking shoes as some areas of the grounds are uneven.



GETTING TO THE FESTIVAL

BUS IT. Visit portauthority.org or call **412-442-2000** for all bus routes heading to Carrie Furnace.

DRIVE IT. Park at the Festival for **\$10** in advance, **\$12** at the gate. Lot shuttle service available. Additional parking added in 2023! Advance purchase, complete parking map, and list of parking options available at pghirishfest.org.

BIKE IT. Plenty of bike parking available.

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

TICKETS Tickets are date specific. Purchasing tickets online in advance is highly recommended. Visit pghirishfest.org to purchase yours.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

\$20 Adult/Advance
through 9/7/23

\$22 Adult/At The Gate

\$60 WEEKEND
PASS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

\$22 Adult/Advance
through 9/7/23

\$25 Adult/At The Gate

\$10 Happy Hour Admission
Friday 4-6 pm
(Must enter event before 6 pm,
available in person at gate only)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10

\$18 Adult/Advance
through 9/7/23

\$20 Adult/At The Gate

\$10 Admission • Friday 6-8 pm
(With College ID, in person
at gate only)

\$2 OFF

• all with valid ID
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FREE

Children 12
and Under

Group discounts available
for groups of 20 or more!
Call 412-422-1113 or email
pghirishfestival@gmail.com for groups.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Depending on level of participation, volunteers receive free admission, commemorative t-shirt and pin, free meals, free parking and more!



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\$2 OFF Sunday,
Sept. 10, 2023

Present this coupon and receive \$2.00 OFF the price of ONE regular adult admission purchased for Sunday, September 10, 2023 ONLY. May not be combined with any other discounts or offers. NO CASH VALUE.

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