

PITTSBURGH IRISH FESTIVAL

LIKE IRELAND, BUT CLOSER



**SEPTEMBER
6-8, 2024**

CARRIE BLAST FURNACES
NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

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FESTIVAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

NEW! Fiddle Frenzy

The first-ever collaboration of fiddlers at the Pittsburgh Irish Festival will be held on Saturday, September 7 at 6 pm. The fiddle frenzy will feature fiddle players from many of our Fest bands and is not to be missed!

NEW! Blazing A Trail: Lives and Legacies of Irish Women

This exhibition highlights the lives and legacies of 21 Irish diaspora women in the fields of politics, humanitarianism, women's suffrage, the arts, the sciences, and sport. They represent just a fraction of the many women who made lasting contributions in their areas of work, but who have rarely received recognition.

NEW! Celtic Magic

Celtic Magic combines high-energy comedy, stunning illusions, audience interaction, and death-defying flaming feats with themes from Irish History and Celtic Mythology. Daniel GreenWolf & Bella bring you a show for the whole family that's a little twisted in the best of ways. Catch this show at the Fest only on Friday, 9/6!

NEW! Stone Lifting Competition

For centuries, the stones on Ireland's rugged landscape were more than simple geographical features. The ability to lift a particular stone was used in tests of strength, and often as rites of passage at events like weddings and funerals. Stone Circle Strongman will be a new attraction at this year's Fest and will be hosting a stone lifting competition on Sunday, 9/8 for any strong lads and lassies who wish to participate in this ancient Celtic tradition. For more information and to preregister, visit stonecirclestrongman.com or Stone Circle Strongman on Instagram.

NEW! Counties Of Ireland

Take a trip through all 32 counties of Ireland with our newest display! Learn about what makes each county unique, it's history, some fun facts, and more!

360° Virtual Tours of Ireland

Take a fully immersive virtual reality tour of the Cliffs of Moher in Ireland at the Fest. 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.

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

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.



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.

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.

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.*

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!

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.

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, 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, mead maker, and more! You will get to compare the unique qualities of legendary brands. Visit pghirishfest.org for a complete list of featured brands.

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! 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.

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 tour of Ireland* thanks to our tourism partner, Vagabond Small Group Tours of Ireland.**

**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 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, Sept. 8 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: info on special dietary needs, sensory bags, our baby care tent, and more!



Gaelic Storm



Screaming Orphans



Ally the Piper



The Drowsy Lads

SUPPORT THE PITTSBURGH IRISH FESTIVAL



Can't make it to this year's Festival? You can still support our year-round efforts to preserve, promote, and celebrate the Irish culture in our region by donating today at pghirishfest.org/donate! The Pittsburgh Irish Festival is a non-profit 501c3 and all donations are tax deductible.



2024 ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

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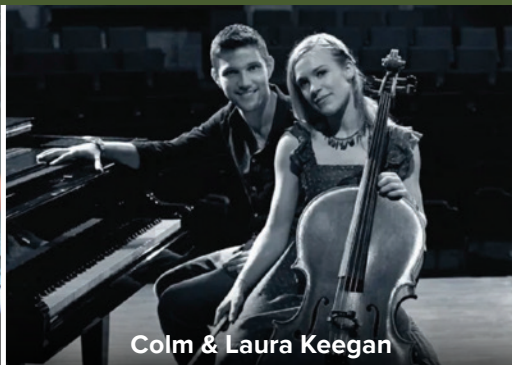
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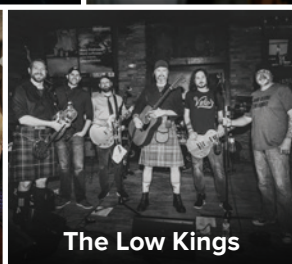
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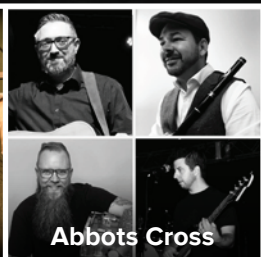
County Mayo



Dennis Doyle



Donnie Irish



Abbots Cross



Devilish Merry

♣ ADDITIONAL ENTERTAINERS ♣

Alan Irvine, Storyteller • Bealtaine • Bell School of Irish Dance
Fitzpatrick School of Irish Dance PGH • Macdonald Pipe Band • Mark Guiser
Mike Flaherty • Mike Gallagher • Pittsburgh Irish Festival Ceili Band • Pittsburgh Ceili Club
Sean Patrick Regan, Bagpiper • Shovlin Academy of Irish Dance
The Step Sisters • Weekend at Blarney's



FESTIVAL HOURS

Friday, Sept. 6 • 4 pm - 11 pm
Saturday, Sept. 7 • 11 am - 11 pm
Sunday, Sept. 8 • 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. **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.
**There is a \$1 per ticket transaction fee for credit card purchases at the gate.*

FRIDAY, SEPT. 6

\$20 Adult/Advance through 9/4/24 • **\$24** Adult at the Gate

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

\$22 Adult/Advance through 9/4/24 • **\$26** Adult at the Gate

SUNDAY, SEPT. 8

\$18 Adult/Advance through 9/4/24 • **\$22** Adult at the Gate

WEEKEND PASS

\$60 Adult/Advance through 9/4/24 • **\$65** Adult at the Gate

\$10 “Happy Hour” Admission

Friday Sept. 6 • 4-6 pm
(Must enter event before 6 pm, available in person at gate only)

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

\$2 OFF • all with valid ID

Senior 60+/Students/Public Safety
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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!

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