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Festival Events & Activities SUBJECT TO CHANGE

NEW! Bodhrán Blitz

The traditional drum of Ireland, the bodhrán, takes center stage as the Festival's hottest goat-thumpers come together to demonstrate the full capabilities of this ancient instrument. Hear traditional (and less traditional) rhythms of Ireland in this exciting performance and expect some surprises along the way! The Bodhrán Blitz will occur on **Sat., 9/6 at 5 pm.**

NEW! Activities from the Pittsburgh Steelers

The Pittsburgh Steelers are headed to Ireland this September and will kick off the celebration at the Pittsburgh Irish Festival! On **Sat., 9/6**, there will be football activities, prizes & giveaways, and more!

NEW! Traditional Irish Breakfast

On **Sun., 9/7 from 11 am – 1 pm**, start your day the Irish way with a hearty Irish Breakfast! Enjoy traditional favorites like bangers, black and white pudding, eggs, scones, and more! **Irish breakfast MUST be ordered in advance at pghirishfest.org/breakfast, limited quantity available.** It's the perfect fuel for a day full of music, dancing, and celebration!

A Taste of Ireland

Now in partnership with the Irish Design Center, 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, honey with Jameson, soda bread & scone mixes, Butlers candy bars, Irish teas & coffees, and so much more! You can find *A Taste of Ireland* in our Irish Marketplace!

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.



NEW! Irish Ghanaian Fusion

Explore the liminal spaces between Irish traditional music and West African Ghanaian music. Lively blended compositions drawing from Irish traditional music and West African Ghanaian music that will be performed by renowned musicians from the Ghanaian drum ensemble, Raymond Odoi Laryea and Ekome Femo, and Irish musicians, Dylan James and Colin Harte.

NEW! Celtic Wellness

On **Sat., 9/6 and Sun., 9/7**, Festival visitors can now go deeper into their Celtic roots in our new area focused on wellness. Sessions will include *The Celtic Body* from Pittsburgh native Garrett Coleman, a World Champion Irish Dancer, guiding participants on a meditative journey through breath, rhythm, and movement into deeper connection with self, community, and the natural landscape, Drum Circles hosted by Pittsburgh Women's Wellness Drum Circle, Wyda Yoga, also known as Hatha Yoga and Yoga of the Celts, a movement theory of the Celtic Druids focused on uniting humans with nature and promoting harmony, health, and contentment through mindfulness, and more! Guests of all ages and abilities are welcome to participate. Visit pghirishfest.org for the full Celtic Wellness schedule.

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. **New in 2025**, the Celtic Kitchen will also host children's cooking classes with the intention to get a new generation excited about Celtic cooking! The full demo schedule will be available at pghirishfest.org.

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 returns to this year's Fest and for a small donation of \$10, visitors can try their hand at lifting the famous "McClurg Manhood Stones," or you can register to compete and enter the "King of the Stones" competition which offers cash prizes and the title of "Strongest Stonelifter" in the amateur division. This year's competition serves also as a qualifier for entry into the Pro division of "America's Strongest Stonelifter" happening in Vista, CA on September 20-21, 2025. For more information and to pre-register, visit stonecirclestrongman.com or Stone Circle Strongman on Instagram.

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.*

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.

Delight in Dance & Music Performances

View continuous entertainment in four performance areas, presented by adult & children's dance ensembles, all colorfully costumed and skillfully choreographed. Additionally, 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, get your face painted, make a balloon animal, and try your luck at one of our custom games! **New this year**, celebrate the tradition known as "marionettes a la planchette," or jig puppets, which goes back to the 1600's and is still popular all over western Europe.

Cultural Beverage Tastings

For our guests **21+**, beverage tasting is included in the price of your Festival admission ticket! Visit our Beverage Tasting area as we experience the charm, depth, and diversity of flavor found in Irish and local 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 as well as products created by local distillers. 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.

Counties of Ireland Exhibit

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

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.

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!

Please join us for our **Irish Mass** Sunday, Sept. 7 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!

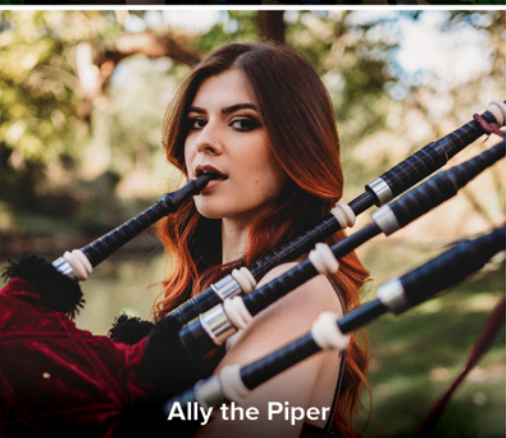
Entertainment Lineup SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Gaelic Storm



Screaming Orphans



Ally the Piper



The Drowsy Lads

2025 Entertainment Schedule



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ONLINE TO [PGHIRISHFEST.ORG](https://pgirishfest.org) TO VIEW

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

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 pgirishfest.org/donate! The Pittsburgh Irish Festival is a non-profit 501c3 and all donations are tax deductible.

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The Brigideens



Elias Alexander



The Fitzgeralds



Bastard Bearded Irishmen



The Low Kings



Dennis Doyle



Donnie Irish



Abbotts Cross

♣ Additional Entertainers ♣

A Pint of Plain • Alan Irvine, Storyteller • Anam Rince • Bealtaine
Bell School of Irish Dance • Conor Coleman, Garrett Coleman, Samuel Barton,
Drew Bayura, & Griff Bear • Corned Beef & Curry • County Mayo
Devilish Merry • Fitzpatrick School of Irish Dance PGH • Irish Ghanaian Fusion ft.
Colin Harte, Dylan James, Raymond Odai Laryea, & Ekome Femo
Jim Lamb • Macdonald Pipe Band • Mark Guiser • Mike Flaherty
Pittsburgh Ceili Club • Pittsburgh Irish Festival Ceili Band • RichPatrick Trio
Sean Patrick Regan, Bagpiper • Shovlin Academy of Irish Dance
The Traditional Irish Arts Academy • Weekend at Blarney's



Festival Hours

Friday, Sept. 5 • 4 pm - 11 pm
Saturday, Sept. 6 • 11 am - 11 pm
Sunday, Sept. 7 • 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
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 rideprt.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. 5

\$20 Adult/Advance
Through 9/3/25

\$24 Adult at
the Gate

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6

\$22 Adult/Advance
Through 9/3/25

\$26 Adult at
the Gate

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7

\$18 Adult/Advance
Through 9/3/25

\$22 Adult at
the Gate

WEEKEND PASS

\$60 Adult/Advance
Through 9/3/25

\$65 Adult at
the Gate

\$10 "Happy Hour" Admission
Friday Sept. 5 • 4-6 pm
(Must enter event before 6 pm,
available in person at gate only)

\$10 Admission • Friday Sept. 5 • 6-8 pm
(With College ID, in person at gate only)

ANY DAY TICKET

Good for one day only—
9/5, 9/6 or 9/7:

\$22 Adult/Advance
Through 9/3/25

\$2 OFF

Must show ID at gate

Senior 60+, Students, Nurses,
Public Safety, First Responders,
Military (Active or Retired)

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!



