



Not Your Typical Song and Dance.

August 16-19, 2012

Henry W. Maier Festival Park, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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WELCOME TO MILWAUKEE IRISH FEST 2012!

Every year, Milwaukee Irish Fest highlights a region of Ireland or a genre of music with direct lineage to the Emerald Isle. This year, the festival pays tribute to Ireland's influence on Bluegrass music. A special Bluegrass music showcase will come to life on the Celtic Roots stage, as well as other areas throughout the festival.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2012:

- **Cultural Village** – Venture to the south end of the grounds to see the newly redesigned Cultural Village. Be sure to visit the International Bluegrass Music Museum while you're there.
- **Sports** – Enjoy the newly expanded tug-of-war and hurling areas, as well as a brand new sports pub located on the North end, featuring flat screen TVs showing Celtic sports.
- **Food & Sprints** – In addition to traditional favorites like corned beef, Irish stew and baked potatoes, the festival is cooking up a variety of new entries and drink specials. New items include an Irish Cream Puff, Paddy's Espresso and O'Leary's Lemonade (Jameson and lemonade).

In addition to what's new, be sure to enjoy all of your festival favorites, including 16 stages of live Irish music and entertainment, amazing shopping, heart-pounding Irish dance performances, cute Celtic canines, fun children's activities and so much more.

~ *Céad Míle Fáilte!*

HOURS/ADMISSION

\$15 Adults; \$10 Seniors 60+ (gate only); Kids 12 & under always free!

Thursday, Aug. 16 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

- Grand Hooley, \$5 admission.

- Free admission with donation of school supplies (markers, notebooks, backpacks, etc.) for children served by Hope House.

Friday, Aug. 17 4 p.m. - midnight

- \$5 Buck Friday: \$5 admission 4-5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 18 noon - midnight

Sunday, Aug. 19 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

- Free admission with food donation before the 9:30 a.m. Liturgy for Peace and Justice.

- College Day: \$3 discount off admission, 2-7 p.m. with valid college student I.D.

- Military Day: Free admission for you and a guest, for active, reserved, retired and guard military service personnel. Present a valid military I.D. at any ticket window.

Have your hand stamped by Irish Fest gate officials and reenter the festival grounds the same day free.

THE GATHERING, THE DAY AND THE SCATTERING

Our Thursday evening Grand Hooley has become a special evening for volunteers, sponsors and guests from around the globe. The traditional Irish culture celebrates three stages of an event – "The Gathering," "The Day," and "The Scattering."

The Gathering (Friday) celebrates the coming together of folks from all corners of the land.

The Day (Saturday) is devoted to the celebration of anything from local saints and marriages to sporting events and the evocation of folk rituals.

The Scattering (Sunday) celebrates the parting of guests. On Sunday evening, entertainers from the festival will come together for The Scattering, a special farewell to this year's festival, at 9:00 p.m. on the Aer Lingus Stage, followed by fireworks to celebrate the close of this year's festival.



Whether you're Irish born, Irish bred or Irish in spirit, you are invited to the Gathering Ireland 2013, a year-long celebration of everything that's unique and great about Ireland's culture, heritage and people.

The Gathering Ireland 2013 will feature an amazing and diverse range of events from small get-togethers to international conferences. Now is the time to tell family, friends and business associates that 2013 is the year to visit Ireland and experience firsthand the *Céad Míle Fáilte* – 100,000 welcomes.

Make 2013 a year of Irish connections. There's never been a better time to plan a visit, family gathering, golf group or business event in Ireland no matter how big or small. The Gathering Ireland 2013 – **BE PART OF IT!**

To learn more, visit www.thegatheringireland.com



MILLER LITE STAGE

- 5:15 April Verch Band
- 7:00 McPeake
- 8:45 Sprag Session



AER LINGUS STAGE

- 5:15 VIP Introductions
- 6:15 Open Arts Community Choir from Belfast
- 7:30 Tim O'Brien & Bryan Sutton
- 9:00 Cornmeal

TIPPERARY STAGE

- 5:15 We Banjo 3
- 6:30 Gerry O'Connor
- 7:45 Moloney, Keane, O'Connell & Molsky
- 9:00 The Henry Girls with The Fox Hunt

DANCE PAVILION

- 5:10 Lessons
- 5:30 Ceol Cairde
- 7:00 Rira - Ceili
- 8:30 Jackie Daly & Matt Cranitch - Set



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Bluegrass Musicians

Look for Trifecta Banjo Association roaming the grounds or near the main gate.

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Grand Hooley THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

FRIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Family Passport - 4 to 7 p.m. see pg. 19

Parade - 6:45 p.m.

Sponsored by Cedar Crest Ice Cream



Family Passport

Travel with **Pirate Paddy** and navigate Irish Fest to experience 10 fun-filled destinations. Fri. 4-7 p.m. Sat and Sun 12-6 p.m. See page 19. Sponsored by *Catholic Financial Life*. More info available at Children's Area and information booths.



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MILLER LITE STAGE

- 4:00 Jeff Ward
- 5:30 McPeake
- 7:00 Sprag Session
- 8:30 Gaelic Storm
- 10:15 Fuchsia Band

Aer Lingus

AER LINGUS STAGE

- 4:00 Atlantic Wave
- 5:30 Makem & Spain Brothers
- 7:00 The High Kings
- 8:30 Scythian
- 10:15 Slide



COORS LIGHT/ PARKVIEW STAGE

- 4:00 Trinity Academy of Irish Dance
- 5:30 Leahy's Luck
- 7:00 Tim O'Brien & Bryan Sutton
- 8:30 Brock McGuire Band
- 10:00 Cornmeal



THE GATHERING IRELAND 2013 CELTIC ROOTS STAGE

- 4:15 Gerry O'Connor
- 5:30 Milwaukee Bluegrass All-Stars
- 7:00 The Henry Girls - The Fox Hunt
- 8:30 April Verch Band
- 10:00 We Banjo 3



THE VILLAGE PUB

- 4:15 We Banjo 3
- 5:30 Blarney
- 7:00 Mossy Moran
- 8:45 Jackie Daly & Matt Cranitch
- 10:15 The Kells



LEINIE'S CELTIC ROCK STAGE

- 4:00 Glencastle Irish Dancers
- 5:30 Skerryvore
- 7:30 Punch Brothers
- 10:00 Enter the Haggis

PUB GARDEN STAGE

- 4:00 Andreas Tranzo
- 6:30 Curtis Crossroads



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DANCE PAVILION

- 4:15 Ceili Lessons
- 4:45 Cream City Ceili Band - Ceili
- 6:30 Set Lessons: South Galway
- 7:00 Myserk - Set
- 8:30 Nashville Ceili Band - Ceili
- 10:00 Chicago Reel - Set

THE SNUG

- 4:15 Cuil A' Lin
- 5:30 Coig
- 7:00 An Dro
- 8:30 Kennedy's Kitchen
- 10:00 Frogwater

THEATRE PAVILION

- 5:30 *Lay Up Your Ends*, Bangor Drama Club
- 6:45 *The Fine Beauty of the Island*, Patrick Ball
- 8:00 *White Woman Street*, Milwaukee Irish Arts

HARP STAGE

- 4:30 Patrick Ball - wire-strung harp and story
- 5:45 Kim Robertson - harp and story
- 7:00 Mary Ann Miller - solo harp

TIPPERARY STAGE

- 4:15 Irish Fest Choir
- 5:30 Open Arts Community Choir from Belfast
- 7:00 McMenamin Irish Dance Academy
- 8:30 Moloney, Keane, O'Connell & Molsky
- 10:00 Aoife O'Donovan

CHILDREN'S STAGE

- 4:15 Mairtin de Cogain
- 5:15 Jean-Andrew, Storyteller
- 6:15 Trinity Academy of Irish Dance
- 7:15 Wayne Francis, Master Puppeteer

CROSSROADS AREA

- 4:15 Set Dance Instruction
- 5:15 Cashel Dennehy School of Irish Dance
- 6:00 Ceili Instruction
- 7:00 Rince Nia Academy of Irish Dance
- 7:45 Billy Mitchell Scottish Pipes and Drums

HEDGE SCHOOL

- 5:00 Ty Westbrook, Barlow Planetarium, UW-Fox Valley, *The Leviathan of Parsons Town: Irish Astronomy in the Victorian Age*
- 6:00 Tomás Mac Conmara, folklorist, *Folklore, Oral History, and Memories of County Clare*
- 7:00 Gabrielle Gray and Forrest Roberts, International Bluegrass Music Museum, *Bluegrass Music: Its Pioneers and its Spread Worldwide*



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FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

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SATURDAY HIGHLIGHTS

5K Run/Walk to Irish Fest - 10:30 a.m.
For information visit runtoirishfest.kintera.org

Family Passport - noon to 6 p.m.
Sponsored by Catholic Financial Life, See Page 19

Tug-of-War - noon to 6 p.m.
South end of grounds

Baking Contest - noon, Dance Pavilion
Sponsored by Lesaffre Yeast Corporation

Urban Park Hurling Matches -
12:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Greenwich Village - noon to 8 p.m.
See Page 19

Celtic Canines - noon to 5 p.m.
See Page 19

Currach Races - noon
Sponsored by Meehan Family Foundation

Children's Freckle Contest - 2:30 p.m.
See Page 6

Parade - 4:30 p.m.
Sponsored by Cedar Crest Ice Cream



Children's Freckle Contest

Registration begins at 1:45 p.m.
Crossroads Area.



Currach Races

Boat Blessing 12:15;
NACA regatta 12:30;
5 p.m. awards ceremony
Sponsored by Meehan Family Foundation



MILLER LITE STAGE

- 12:00 Chicago Reel
- 1:30 Rince Nia Academy of Irish Dance
- 3:15 Liz Carroll
- 5:00 McPeake
- 6:45 Fuchsia Band
- 8:30 Sprag Session
- 10:15 Gaelic Storm



AER LINGUS STAGE

- 12:00 Academy of Irish Music
- 1:30 The Kells
- 3:00 Volunteer Scholarship Program
- 3:30 Coig
- 5:00 Cashel Dennehy Irish Dancers
- 6:45 Makem & Spain Brothers
- 8:30 The High Kings
- 10:15 Slide



COORS LIGHT/ PARKVIEW STAGE



- 12:00 **We Banjo 3**
- 1:30 **Henhouse Prowlers**
- 3:15 Glencastle Irish Dancers
- 5:00 **High Roads & Railroads**
-Téada and the Ebony Hillbillies
- 6:45 **Del McCoury**
- 8:30 **Tim O'Brien & Bryan Sutton**
- 10:15 **Brock McGuire Band**



THE GATHERING IRELAND 2013 CELTIC ROOTS STAGE

- 12:00 **Frogwater**
- 1:15 **Gerry O'Connor**
- 3:00 **Del McCoury:**
The Irish in Bluegrass
- 4:45 **Bruce Molsky**
- 6:30 **Aoife O'Donovan**
- 8:15 **April Verch Band**
- 10:00 **The Henry Girls - The Fox Hunt**



LEINIE'S CELTIC ROCK STAGE

- 12:00 Reilly
- 2:00 Whiskey of the Damned
- 4:00 Trinity Academy Irish Dancers
- 6:00 Wild Colonial Bhoys
- 8:00 Enter the Haggis
- 10:00 Skerryvore

DANCE PAVILION

- 12:00 Baking Contest
- 2:30 Set Lessons: Ross Cahill
- 3:15 Rira - Set
- 4:30 Ceili Lessons
- 5:00 Nashville Ceili Band - Ceili
- 6:30 Set Lessons: The Lewisburg
- 7:00 Jackie Daly & Matt Cranitch - Set
- 8:30 Chicago Reel - Ceili
- 10:00 Capitol Ceili Band - Set



THE VILLAGE PUB

- 12:15 Barry Dodd
- 1:45 Myserk
- 3:15 Jackie Daly & Matt Cranitch
- 5:00 **We Banjo 3**
- 6:45 Derek Byrne and Paddygrass
- 8:30 Fiona Molloy
- 10:00 Mossy Moran

TIPPERARY STAGE

- 12:00 West Wind
- 1:15 Irish Fest Choir
- 3:00 Open Arts Community Choir
from Belfast
- 4:45 Kinsella Academy of Irish Dance
- 6:30 Moloney, Keane & O'Connell
- 8:15 Finbar McCarthy
- 10:00 Scythian

THE SNUG

- 12:00 Tallymore
- 1:30 Larry Nugent & Patsy O'Brien
- 3:00 The Santa Monica Hillbillies
- 4:45 Theiss & O'Connor
- 6:30 Kennedy's Kitchen
- 8:15 An Dro
- 10:00 Larkin & Moran Brothers

CHILDREN'S STAGE

- 12:00 Irish Fest Summer School
Showcase
- 1:30 **Circle City Bluegrass Band**
- 2:30 Kinsella Academy of Irish Dance
- 3:30 Mickey Spain's Musical Jamboree
- 4:30 Mairtin de Cogain
- 5:30 Scythian
- 6:30 Wayne Francis, Master Puppeteer
- 7:30 **Circle City Bluegrass Band**

PUB GARDEN STAGE

- 12:00 Blackthorn Folly
- 1:15 Andreas Tranzo
- 2:30 Tis
- 3:45 Reilly Trio
- 5:00 Dublin O'Shea



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SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

THEATRE PAVILION

- 12:30** *The Fine Beauty of the Island*, Patrick Ball
- 1:45** *Lay Up Your Ends*, Bangor Drama Club
- 3:15** *A Piece of Monologue*, In Tandem Theatre
- 4:00** *Sister Bernie's Bingo Bash*, McHale Productions
- 6:00** *White Woman Street*, Milwaukee Irish Arts
- 8:00** *Lay Up Your Ends*, Bangor Drama Club

CROSSROADS AREA

- 12:00** Kinsella Academy of Irish Dance
- 12:45** Ceili Instruction
- 1:30** Celtic Nations Pipes and Drums
- 2:30** Children's Freckle Contest
- 3:45** Gillan School of Highland Dance
- 5:45** Trinity Academy of Irish Dance
- 7:00** Billy Mitchell Scottish Pipes and Drums and the Caledonian Scottish Dancers

HEDGE SCHOOL

- 12:30** Harry Connolly, Fáilte Feirste Thair (West Belfast Tourism): Féile an Phobail, A Story of Progress and Peace, 25 years on
- 1:00** Gordon Lucy, Ulster Scots Society, Harland and Wolf, The Building of the Titanic
- 2:00** Tomás Mac Conmara, folklorist, *Folklore, Oral History, and Memories of County Clare*

HARP STAGE

- 12:30** Sarah Marie Mullen - solo harp
- 2:00** Mary Ann Miller - solo harp
- 3:30** Patrick Ball - wire-strung harp and story
- 5:00** Drowsy Maggies - harp, fiddle, guitar, bodhran, banjo, pipes, whistles and voice
- 6:30** Kylemore - harp, fiddle and voice

- 3:00** Mick Moloney, musician/folklorist, *The Irish Roots of Hillbilly Music*
- 4:00** Gabrielle Gray and Forrest Roberts, International Bluegrass Music Museum, *A Band for the Ages: Bill Monroe and the Blue Grass Boys*
- 5:00** Michael Brophy, genealogist, *Irish-American Catholic Genealogy*
- 6:00** Basil McCrea, Northern Ireland Assembly, Northern Ireland Today, the Peace Process Continues
- 6:30** Dr. Timothy Campbell, St. Patrick Centre, Downpatrick, N.I., *Exploring Saint Patrick's Trail in County Down*
- 7:15** Panel: Young Ambassadors Program, St. Patrick Centre, Downpatrick, Northern Ireland, *Northern Exposure – Young America's Impressions of Northern Ireland*



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SUNDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Morning Buns - After Liturgy at Paddy's Café & Tipperary Tea Room

Bloody Molly's at the Jameson Lounge & the Cottage

Celtic Canines - See Page 19

Greenwish Village - 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. See Page 19

Tug-of-War - noon to 4 p.m.

Family Passport - noon to 6 p.m. Sponsored by Catholic Financial Life

Urban Park Hurling Matches - noon to 6 p.m.



Liturgy for Peace & Justice

Milwaukee Irish Fest welcomes Bishop David Malloy of Rockford, Illinois to celebrate the Liturgy for Peace and Justice, one of the largest Masses in the United States on Sunday, August 19 at 9:30 a.m. at the Marcus Amphitheater. The gates open at 8 a.m. Donate a non-perishable food item prior to the liturgy and receive free admission after the Mass.



The Scattering - Join entertainers from the festival at 9 p.m. at the Aer Lingus Stage to say farewell to this year's festival. Fireworks will conclude the evening.



MILLER LITE STAGE

- 11:15** Kinsella Academy of Irish Dance
- 1:00** Kennedy's Kitchen
- 2:30** Fuchsia Band
- 4:00** Ed Ward Scholarship
- 4:15** Sprag Session
- 5:45** McPeake
- 7:30** Gaelic Storm



AER LINGUS STAGE

- 11:00** Tallymore
- 12:30** McMenamin Irish Dance Academy
- 2:00** Makem & Spain Brothers
- 3:30** Slide
- 5:15** The High Kings
- 6:45** Raffle Drawing
- 7:15** Scythian
- 8:45** Volunteer of the Year
- 9:00** SCATTERING



COORS LIGHT/PARKVIEW STAGE

- 11:15** Leahy's Luck
- 1:00** Cashel Dennehy Irish Dancers
- 2:45** Tim O'Brien & Bryan Sutton
- 4:45** Brock McGuire Band
- 6:30** High Roads & Railroads - Téada and the Ebony Hillbillies



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

SUNDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Currach Races - 1 p.m. Open Regatta ICCM,
2 p.m. Milw. Firefighters vs. Police Officers

Poster Artist Presentation - 2:15 p.m.
Tipperary Stage

Ed Ward Music Scholarships - 4 p.m.
Miller Lite Stage

Children's Red Hair Contest - 2:30 p.m.
Crossroads Area

Parade - 4 p.m.
Sponsored by Cedar Crest Ice Cream

Raffle Drawing - 6:45 p.m.
Aer Lingus Stage



Fireworks:

Following the Scattering, Irish Fest celebrates the close of this year's festival with fireworks.



Volunteer of the Year

Volunteer of the Year and Volunteer Family of the Year presented at 8:45 p.m. at the Aer Lingus Stage

Children's Red Hair Contest

Crossroads Area. Registration begins at 1:45 p.m.



THE GATHERING IRELAND 2013 CELTIC ROOTS STAGE

- 11:15 Gerry O'Connor
- 12:45 Bruce Molsky
- 2:15 Aoife O'Donovan
- 4:00 Milwaukee Irish Fest Banjo Jubilee
- 5:45 The Henry Girls - The Fox Hunt
- 7:15 April Verch Band

PUB GARDEN STAGE

- 11:30 Cuil A' Lin
- 12:45 Tom O'Sullivan
- 2:00 Rory Modlinski
- 3:15 The Shinigans
- 4:30 Andreas Transo

CROSSROADS AREA

- 11:15 Greater Milwaukee Fire and Police Pipes and Drums
- 12:00 Glencastle Irish Dancers
- 12:45 Ceili Instruction
- 1:30 Shamrock Club Color Guard Pipes and Drums
- 2:30 Children's Red Hair Contest
- 3:30 McMenamin Irish Dance Academy
- 4:45 Gillan School of Highland Dance
- 5:45 Billy Mitchell Scottish Pipes and Drums

HARP STAGE

- 11:30 Shari Sarazin - harp and song
- 1:00 Turner Collins and Friends - harp, bodhran, squeezebox, flute, fiddle
- 2:30 Patrick Ball - wire-strung harp and story
- 4:00 Sarah Marie Mullen - solo harp
- 5:30 Kim Robertson - harp and song



THE VILLAGE PUB

- 11:30 Blarney
- 12:45 We Banjo 3
- 2:15 Jackie Daly & Matt Cranitch
- 4:00 Larry Nugent & Patsy O'Brien
- 5:45 Mossy Moran
- 7:15 The Kells

TIPPERARY STAGE

- 11:30 Jim McVeigh & Nancy Maio
- 12:45 Irish Fest Choir
- 2:15 Poster Introduction
- 2:30 Open Arts Community Choir from Belfast
- 4:00 Rince Nia Academy of Irish Dance
- 5:45 Moloney, Keane & O'Connell
- 7:15 Finbar McCarthy

CHILDREN'S STAGE

- 11:30 Wayne Francis, Master Puppeteer
- 12:30 Circle City Bluegrass Band
- 1:30 Scythian
- 2:30 Glencastle Irish Dancers
- 3:30 Wayne Francis, Master Puppeteer
- 4:30 Shari Sarazin, Harpist
- 5:30 David Landeau
- 6:30 Mairtin de Cogan



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LEINIE'S CELTIC ROCK STAGE

- 12:00 The Gleasons
- 1:30 The Sandcarvers
- 3:30 Enter the Haggis
- 5:30 Skerryvore
- 7:30 Wild Colonial Bhoys

DANCE PAVILION

- 11:30 Ceol Cairde - Ceili
- 1:00 Set Lessons: The Lewisburg
- 1:30 Chicago Reel - Set
- 3:00 Ceili Lessons
- 3:30 Capitol Ceili Band - Ceili
- 5:00 Set Lessons: Ross Cahill
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- 7:15 Nashville Ceili Band - Ceili

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- 12:30 Mick Moloney, musician/folklorist, *The Irish Roots of Hillbilly Music*
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- 2:30 Harry Connolly, Fáilte Feirste Thair (West Belfast Tourism): Féile an Phobail, A Story of Progress and Peace, 25 years on
- 3:00 Michael Brophy, genealogist, *Irish Research on this Side of the Atlantic*
- 4:00 Annual Irish Fest Poetry Event
- 5:00 Winners of the Donn Goodwin and Joseph Gahagan Poetry Prizes

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 19 (CONT.)



Punch Brothers



April Verch Band

Bluegrass Music Showcase

Did you know that Ireland played an important role in the evolution of modern day Bluegrass music? *That's right!* The origin of Bluegrass music dates back to 18th century immigrants from Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales who brought their unique ballads and tunes to the Appalachia region of the U.S. The early music had a predominant string band format dominated by fiddle, and grew to include the banjo, guitar, mandolin and autoharp. This year, Milwaukee Irish Fest celebrates the unique connection between Bluegrass music and Ireland with a special Bluegrass Music Showcase.

Highlights:

- Special **Bluegrass Music Showcase** featuring more than 30 performances comes to life on The Gathering Ireland 2013 Celtic Roots Stage, as well as other areas throughout the festival
- The **International Bluegrass Music Museum** takes center stage in the Cultural Village with a special traveling exhibit
- Bluegrass legend **Del McCoury** and contemporary Bluegrass band **Punch Brothers** headline the showcase

Del McCoury



THIS YEAR'S BLUEGRASS MUSICIANS INCLUDE:

Del McCoury – McCoury is an International Bluegrass Music Association Hall of Famer and former lead singer of the band, Bill Monroe & The Blue Grass Boys. McCoury is a living link to the days when Bluegrass was made only in honkytonks and on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry.

Punch Brothers – This Grammy Award-winning, progressive Bluegrass band has appeared on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* and *The Late Show with David Letterman* and recently produced a single for the blockbuster movie, *"The Hunger Games."*

High Roads & Railroads (Téada with the Ebony Hillbillies) – This collaboration brings together an Irish band with one of the last black string bands in the U.S.

The Henry Girls with The Fox Hunt – The gorgeous three-part harmonies of The Henry Girls combine with rootsy West Virginia string-band, The Fox Hunt.

Brock McGuire Band – With two of Ireland's most celebrated traditional musicians at the front, this cross-cultural band celebrates the music of the Irish and Appalachian traditions.

Tim O'Brien & Bryan Sutton – Grammy Award-winning musician and two-time winner of the International Bluegrass Music Association's (IBMA) male vocalist of the year, O'Brien is joined by Bryan Sutton, a six-time IBMA guitar player of the year and former member of Ricky Skaggs' band, Kentucky Thunder.

Bruce Molsky – Bruce Molsky stands today as one of the premier old-time fiddlers in the world, the defining virtuoso of Appalachia's timeless folk music traditions.

Cornmeal – Cornmeal blends lightning fast tempos and impeccable harmonies into an unrivaled live performance that challenges the recipe of the Bluegrass sound.

April Verch Band – The April Verch Band hails from the Ottawa Valley in Canada – an area known for its foot-stomping music that fuses Irish, Scottish, French, German and Polish influences with American country music.

Gerry O'Connor – One of Ireland's premier tenor banjo players and considered one of the best banjo players in Ireland's history, O'Connor gives a unique treatment to traditional Irish compositions and American Bluegrass.

Henhouse Prowlers – Performing in neatly ironed suits around a single microphone, The Henhouse Prowlers have gained a growing reputation for playing Bluegrass the way it was meant to be.

Aoife O'Donovan – As the front woman for the alt-Bluegrass/string band Crooked Still for the past ten years, O'Donovan's talent for songwriting recently came to the attention of Alison Krauss, who recorded her song *Lay My Burden Down* on *Paper Airplane*.

We Banjo 3 – Mining the rich vein of the American Old Time tradition and thoroughly reinventing the banjo band sound, We Banjo 3 is guaranteed to put a smile on your face.

Cornmeal



We Banjo 3



CULTURAL VILLAGE (BALLYFEST)

Immerse yourself in Irish art, literature, history, sports and theatre in the newly redesigned Cultural Village. There's a lot to see in the Village, which is home to the Hedge School, Harp Stage and Moore St. Market. Hear lectures at the Hedge School by Tomás Mac Conmara and Basil McCrea, MLA. The harp is the only musical instrument to be a symbol of a country, and the Harp Stage is the place to be to hear the beautiful sounds of this instrument as it is played by the world renowned Patrick Ball and local Mary Ann Miller. The Bangor Players of County Down return to the theatre. Shop the artisans at the Moore Street Market. Guests can meet their favorite authors at the Literary Corner. Stop at the Village Pub, where you can experience a diverse cross-section of music before you visit the rest of the festival.

CULTURAL EXHIBITS PAVILION

The Cultural Exhibits Pavilion in 2012 will have a number of diverse displays including: **the Cuimhneamh an Chláir** - oral history project from County Clare, by Tomás Mac Conmara; **Bill Monroe Traveling Exhibit**, International Bluegrass Music Museum; Exhibit on **John Barry** - County Wexford native who founded the United States Navy; **Irish Science Fiction and Fantasy**

Writers - from Bram Stoker's Dracula to James White and Michael Carroll; **Irish-American boxers**, by the Ward Irish Music Archives; **The Ulster Scots American Presidents**, presented by the Ulster Scots Agency of Belfast; **Northern Ireland Bureau**, Basil McCrea, MLA; **St. Patrick Centre of Downpatrick** - Co. Down; **Titanic** - 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Belfast-built ship; The Volta Theatre will feature **Beautiful People**, a movie about the oldest session in New York by Sam Adelman.



GENEALOGY PAVILION

Sponsored by Findmypast.ie, a Dublin based internet research company. Meet and greet their researchers, discover your family surname history, find Gaelic place names and start your own family tree. Ask our featured professional, **Michael Brophy**, from the New England area, about your emigrating ancestors. Work with genealogists online, check out military records and Civil War resources. View our **Faces of Ireland** photo exhibit and see ancient and modern maps of Ireland and the nearby countries.

Ceardlann na Gaeilge/Irish Language Workshop

Irish language books, games, DVDs and CDs for adults and children for sale. Irish language films to view/buy, plus games to play and Irish speakers to help learners practice the language. Scholarship applications available. Some translating possible. **Fáilte Romhat!!**

LITERARY CORNER

The Literary Corner in the Cultural Village is sponsored by **Little Read Book** and **Rainbow Books for Children**.

Visit **The Autograph Tree** where authors sign and sell their books. Featured this year: **Mick Moloney**, with "Far From the Shamrock Shore" and "Close to the Floor"; **James Redfean**, with his first novel, "The Risking at Roxbury Crossing" **Cynthia Neale** with "Norah: The Making of an Irish-American Woman in 19th-Century New York City"; **Sue Lawton**, with "The Circus and the Cyclone"; **Drew Blanchard**, with "Winter Dogs"; **Connor Cunneen** with his new book, "For the Love of Being Irish." **Cliff Carlson**, editor of the Irish American News will also be there.

Be sure to visit the Literary Corner; come and catch up on your Irish reading.

Moore Street Market

Come meet the artists and sample their wares. Beautiful, traditional, hand-woven goods from Studio Donegal. Unique Shard Jewelry by Liam Hughes. Master basket weaver Vincent McCarron from Inishmore. Rathlin Knitwear brings new and traditional styles hand-loomed with Donegal wool. Galway Bakers will be serving delectable delights from Galway. The beautiful cast paper art of Cynthia Stephens.

Ward Irish Music Archives Gallery Exhibits & Photo Contest

This year's exhibit will be "The Irish in Film" featuring over 100 film poster reproductions. The photo contest will also be in the Archives Gallery.



Waltons Music Shop

Waltons returns, bringing a great selection of musical instruments and music books. Visit Waltons Groove school for bodhran lessons: Fri. 5-9 p.m., Sat. 1-8:30 p.m. and Sun. noon-8 p.m. And back this year, Conor Long.



Traditional Sessions

Lakefront Brewery Pub

Traditional Irish music sessions are held several times daily Friday-Sunday. Open sessions 8-10 p.m. all three days. Stop in for a schedule.

Bring your voice, bring your instruments, join the fun!

Festival Experience

Milwaukee Irish Fest's Festival Experience Program provides young adults from Ireland, Northern Ireland and Nova Scotia with an opportunity to experience the planning and presentation of the festival. This year, 4 young adults have been selected to work alongside festival organizers. Throughout the ten days leading up to and during the festival, the festival experience participants will work behind the scenes to learn and experience the festival on all levels.

Irish Destinations and Travel Ireland

If you enjoy Ballyfest... Plan a trip to a real Irish village

There are two areas highlighting travel to the Emerald Isle. **Travel Ireland**, located south of the Main Gate, features Aer Lingus, tour companies, hotel groups, travel and car rental agencies. **Irish Destinations**, sponsored by Tourism Ireland (located just north of the Main Gate), includes Tourism Ireland, county and city representatives from Ireland and Northern Ireland, and others who can assist you.

Sponsored by The Gathering 2013



The Gaeltacht, or Irish speaking area, will showcase the Irish language and traditional Irish culture. Celebrate with current & past winners of Ireland's own Oireachtas festival as they perform traditional tunes, lúibín, and sean-nós, or "old style" singing and dancing.

Friday, August 17

- 4:30 **Fáilte** - Gaeltacht Welcome Hour
- 5:30 Éire faoi Cheilt - The Hidden Names of Ireland in Song and Music: Ray MacManais & Gearóid Ó Mórdha
- 6:30 Irish Language Lesson with múinteoir (teacher) Joe Ó'Dónaill
- 7:00 Humor, song, and dance with Ireland's Oireachtas Winners: Ray Mac Mánaís, Meaití Jó Shéamuis, Nollaig Ní Laoire, Gearóid Ó Mórdha, Brian Cunningham, & Joe Ó'Dónaill
- 9:00 Seisiún led by Meaití Jó Shéamuis & friends

Saturday, August 18

- 12:00 Seisiún music led by Brian Cunningham - *Beginners Welcome!*
- 1:30 Irish Language Lesson with múinteoir (teacher) Joe Ó'Dónaill
- 2:00 Jimmy Keane
- 3:00 Irish Language Lesson - Social Chatup Lines! (Spallaíocht Shóisialta)
- 3:30 Seisiún led by Meaití Jó Shéamuis & Friends
- 5:00 Éire faoi Cheilt - The Hidden Names of Ireland in Song and Music: Ray MacManais & Gearóid Ó Mórdha
- 6:00 Sean-nos Singing Seisiún - *All Singers Welcome!*
- 7:00 Humor, song and dance with Ireland's Oireachtas Winners: Ray Mac Mánaís, Meaití Jó Shéamuis, Nollaig Ní Laoire, Gearóid Ó Mórdha, Brian Cunningham, & Joe Ó'Dónaill
- 8:30 Open Seisiún - *Traditional Musicians Welcome!*

Sunday, August 19

- 12:00 Jimmy Keane
- 1:00 Sean-nós Dance Lessons led by Brian Cunningham - *Beginners Welcome!*
- 2:30 Irish Language Lesson - Popular Irish Expressions (Nathanna Cainte Coitianta)
- 3:00 Humor, song and dance with Ireland's Oireachtas Winners: Ray Mac Mánaís, Meaití Jó Shéamuis, Nollaig Ní Laoire, Gearóid Ó Mórdha, Brian Cunningham, & Joe Ó'Dónaill
- 5:30 NAVAN
- 6:30 Irish Language Lesson with múinteoir (teacher) Joe Ó'Dónaill
- 7:00 Éire faoi Cheilt - The Hidden Names of Ireland in Song and Music: Ray MacManais & Gearóid Ó Mórdha
- 8:00 Seisiún led by Meaití Jó Shéamuis & Friends

*Fáilte isteach; comhrá agus craic
(Welcome in; conversation and fun)*



Playing at the Irish Fest Theatre Pavilion

Lay Up Your Ends

(Martin Lynch) **Bangor Drama Club**
While men build the Titanic, women work in a Belfast linen mill. When owners of the mill shorten hours and wages, mill girls walk out on strike. The play focuses on the camaraderie of the strikers as they struggle with their personal lives and their resolve to continue the strike.

White Woman

(Sebastian Barry) **Milwaukee Irish Arts**
Irish author, Sebastian Barry's account of a multi-cultural band of misfits fixed on robbing a gold train in 1916 Ohio. Award winner at Dublin's AITF-2012.

A Piece of Monologue

(Samuel Beckett) **In Tandem Theatre**
Contemporary of James Joyce & Nobel prize winner Samuel Beckett's stream-of-consciousness monologue focuses on the last moments of life.

The Fine Beauty of the Island

(Patrick Ball) **Patrick Ball**
Patrick shares the story of the inhabitants of the Blasket Islands forced to leave their homes in the 1950s. Patrick tells the story of the origin and meaning of the tune, The Vanishing, illustrated by his masterful accompaniment on the Celtic Harp.

Sister Bernie's Bingo Bash

(McHale Productions)
McHale Productions
You have never experienced a bingo game like this one. Holy Hilarity! Give them a dime and this traveling trio just might save your soul. The funniest bingo game in town. *You'll have fun or else!*
An Irish Fest crowd favorite.

Also for your enjoyment



JAMESON
SHRIMP WHISKEY

Jameson Lounge

The place to taste Ireland's finest whiskey, featuring specialty drinks O'Leary's Lemonade, Jameritas, Jameson and Gingers, and Bloody Mollys (Sunday Only). **New! Pancake Power Hour (noon-2) featuring \$5 pancake shots.** Must be 21 years or older.



The Cottage

Learn about one of Ireland's most popular exports, Jameson Whiskey. Indulge in whiskey festival favorites, Bunratty Meade Wine from Ireland and other select wine at the North end of the grounds. Must be 21 years or older.

NEW! Irish Fest Sports Pub - Tobar Na bnFianna.

Relax and share a pint with friends while watching the Irish sports of Hurling, Gaelic Football, Curraich Racing and more. Located on the North end of the grounds.

Jameson Whiskey Tastings

Come to **The Cottage** for authentic Irish whiskey tastings. Tastings scheduled throughout the weekend by reservation only. Reservations are \$15 per person and will be taken on a first come, first serve basis.

NORTH END ATTRACTION

Tipperary Tea Room

Enjoy tasty desserts including Guinness cheesecake, scones, soda bread, cupcakes, brownies, shamrock cookies and Irish Cream Puffs! Sit in the garden setting near the Tipperary Stage with an Irish coffee or tea. On Sunday morning you'll find our delicious Morning Buns.

SOUTH END ATTRACTION

Paddy's Café

Enjoy coffee, Irish coffee, espresso drinks, hot and iced tea, scones, cupcakes, cake pops and shamrock cookies. Morning buns available on Sunday. Now located just inside the South Gate.

SHOPPING & SOUVENIRS



The Irish Fest Store

Official Irish Fest clothing, hats and other gift items are available at the newly expanded and upgraded IRISH FEST STORE located in the Grafton Square Area.

Festival Posters

Purchase a 2012 Irish Fest poster for \$5 at the Main Gate or at Irish Fest Store locations. Limited supplies of past years' posters are being sold at the Main Gate for \$10 and \$15 each. This year's artist, Dana Christoph, is a student at Mt. Mary. She will autograph posters Saturday and Sunday from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Main Gate poster booth.



Grafton & Lilliput Marketplaces

Located between the Aer Lingus Stage and the Miller Lite Stage, the Grafton Marketplace features retail vendors in three separate buildings around a quaint town square, while the Lilliput Marketplace, located on the North end of the grounds, offers four large areas of retail vendors. You'll find all of your Irish memorabilia right here, one of the largest gatherings of Irish vendors in the world!

Irish Fest Music Marts

Visit the Irish Fest Music Marts, offering CDs and merchandise from this year's entertainers. There are six sales areas located throughout the grounds - near the Aer Lingus Stage, Leinie's Celtic Rock Stage, Miller Lite Stage, Tipperary Stage, the Coors Light Stage, and the The Gathering Ireland 2013 Celtic Roots Stage. Merchandise from artists will be sold at the Music Mart closest to where they perform each day.

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Celtic Canines

Visit with local breeders exhibiting some of Ireland's native dogs. Daily demonstrations along the lakewalk. Please see schedule posted in the Canine Area.

Sky Glider

Sky Glider boards at either end of the grounds and you can buy one-way or round-trip tickets. Enjoy the view. It's a great way to see the entire festival. \$4 one way; \$6 round trip.



Children's Area

Sponsored by Marquette University

This year we brought back many of our popular attractions, such as Lilli-Putt mini golf, the Lego castles/ Mr. Potato Head area, and, of course, the big craft area. Once again children 12 & under can "fish" for prizes in our Pot of Gold. New this year is the children's cultural area on the playground featuring bodhran lessons from Waltons. Be sure to come explore! Our two stages will feature great family entertainment. See schedule for details.

Take a day trip to Ireland with your Pirate Paddy passport

The family passport returns. It's a fun way for families to explore Irish Fest, while keeping the whole family entertained. Families collect stamps for their Pirate Paddy Passports at stops throughout the festival grounds, while making crafts and gathering prizes at each stop. Some of the areas families will visit while on their quest are the Cultural Area, Tipperary Stage, Celtic Canines, and more. Sponsored by Catholic Financial Life.

Greenwish Village

Become a Super Hero for the Environment in Greenwish Village! Everyone in the family can play Super Hero BINGO and learn about our planet with hands-on activities. Pick up an 'Environmental Super Heroes' coloring book featuring Eco-Man, Volt and more. Challenge your environmental knowledge about energy, trees, recycling and water, or hang out in the Heroes Hideout. You can also create fun Super Hero Gear by turning trash into art!

LEPRECHAUN VILLAGE

Liam the Extra Large Leprechaun invites you to visit the Leprechaun Village located on the lake side of the Children's area. Learn the history and legends of the "wee" people and their role in the cultural life of Ireland. **See if you can spot one.**

2012 AMATEUR PHOTO CONTEST

Ireland Photo Contest

Enter your photos of scenes or subjects taken in Ireland for a chance to win a grand prize of \$100. A total of nine prizes will be awarded in this year's contest. The contest is open during the festival beginning on Friday and ending on Sunday. Photos must be entered at the contest booth located inside the Archives Gallery in the Cultural Village. All photos will become the property of Milwaukee Irish Fest. For more information and contest rules, visit irishfest.com.

IRISH FEST RAFFLE

First Prize: Round trip transportation for two to Ireland, courtesy of Aer Lingus plus land package courtesy of Celtic Tours, B&B Ireland and Hertz.*

Second Prize: Seven nights stay at Old Ground Hotel, Ennis, County Clare, including air for two courtesy of Harp & Eagle Inns and Old Ground Hotel. Travel time Nov. 2012 - Feb. 2013.*

Third Prize: \$1,000 cash

Fourth Prize: Goodtime Tenor Banjo, courtesy of Deering Banjo. Raffle tickets can be purchased on the grounds for \$3 for 1 ticket, \$10 for 5 tickets and \$20 for 12 tickets. The drawing will be held at 6:45 p.m. Sunday on the Aer Lingus Stage. You need not be present to win.

DOUBLE YOUR CHANCES

\$300 Cash Prizes Awarded Daily Drawing to be held at the Main Gate Raffle & Information Booth. Thurs. 9 p.m., Fri. 7 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. and Sat. 7 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

*Restrictions apply.

A Taste O' Irish Flavor

Miller Lite Area

Winston's Irish Sausage
Saz's
Gourmet Cheesecake
Catalano's Fruit Stand
Koeppell's
Popcorn Wagon

Aer Lingus Area

Venice Club
Wong's Wok
O'Donoghue's
Irish Baker
Coffee Wagon
Anderson's Corn
Hawaiian Shaved Ice
Koeppell's
Popcorn Wagon

Lilliput Area

Tipperary Tea Room
Johnny V's Classic Cafe
Mader's
McBob's Pub
Jimbo's
Abbey Irish Pub
Irish Baker
Anderson's Corn
Nuts for You
Bella Cafe
Koeppell's
Popcorn Wagon
Lemon Chill

Cultural Area

Neptune's on the Bay
Coors Light/Parkview Area
Ward's House of Prime
American-European Foods
Claddagh
Paddy's Cafe
Catalano's Lemonade
Nuts for You
Anderson's Corn
Lemon Chill
Koeppell's
Popcorn Wagon

The Snug Area

Lakefront Brewery Pub
Water Street Brewery
Ultimate Confections
Shamrock Twist
Children's Area
Cedar Crest Ice Cream
Martino's
O'Donoghue's
Auntie Anne's
Lemonade and Pretzels
Trinity Irish Pubs
Mother Machree's Strudel

Lakewalk Area

Paciugo Gelato
Kettle Korn

CASH FOOD PURCHASES - NO TICKETS! Food menus are available at information booths. **Beer and wine ticket sales** end 1/2 hour prior to festival closing and are not refundable. **Tickets cannot be used to purchase food items.** If you drink, please do so responsibly. Assistance is available to patrons with disabilities. Please ask.



A Special Thank You

Please recognize the Milwaukee Irish Fest Volunteer of the Year, Maureen Modlinski, and the Volunteer Family of the Year, The Mikush/Reidy/Jensen Family, for their committed service of many years.

Irish Fest Year Round

MORE THAN A FESTIVAL



The Milwaukee Irish Fest Choir

Founded 24 years ago by Ed Ward and Pat Moschea, the Irish Fest Choir was created to enrich the love of Irish music in young people. Composed of students ages 14-20, the 2012 Choir has just returned from a tour of Ireland and has performed throughout the United States. Watch as members carry the County flags in the Irish Fest parade. Directing this year's Choir is Chuck Kessell with accompanist Miles Plant. Check the Tipperary Stage schedule for festival performances. Auditions will be held in spring 2013. For more information, visit IrishFest.com.

Irish Cultural Grants

The Irish Cultural Grant was established in 1998. A yearly total of \$2,000 is available, dispersed in smaller grant amounts.

Applications are reviewed once a year in November. The purpose of the grant is to help fund needs for Irish related projects. Applications accepted for individual projects/needs only. Applicants may be of any age or ethnic background.

The Session

A Conference on Irish & Irish American Music & Entertainment October 18-20, 2012.

Celtic Christmas Boutique

The 12th Annual Celtic Christmas Boutique is Sat., November 14, 2012 from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Irish Fest Center, featuring unique Irish goods.

Breakfast or Lunch with Nick McFest

Saturday, December 8, 2012 at the Irish Fest Center.



Visit IrishFest.com for information



ATMs

(Automated Teller Machines): Numerous - see map on back.



Bus Service:

Travel to and from Irish Fest is easy with transit. Park off site and ride Milwaukee County Transit System's Freeway Flyers and Downtown Shuttles. For service information, call (414) 344-6711 or visit www.RideMCTS.com. Board outbound buses at the Main Gate.



Disabled Services:

Park facilities are ADA accessible. Access brochures are available at the Respite Pavilion, south of the Miller Lite Stage and information booths. Limited disabled parking is available in the South Lot (at the end of Harbor Drive, south of Polk Street) or in the northern end of Harbor Drive at Chicago Street, just across from the Main Gate.



First Aid: Behind Aer Lingus stage.



Information: Two booths, located at the Main and South Gates.



Lost & Found: Located in the Irish Fest office.



Lost Children's Area:

Outside of the Irish Fest offices, just south of the Children's Area.



Message Center: Located adjacent to the Lost Children's Area.



Package Check: Located just south of the Crossroads area. Sponsored by UPS & staffed by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians.



Parking: Available at nearby lots. See also BUS SERVICE for convenient off-site parking options.



Police: The City of Milwaukee Police Dept. provides security services located behind the Irish Fest office on the main aisle.



Sundries and Notions:

Two booths sell cigarettes, gum, candy, film, aspirin, sunscreen and sunglasses.



Taxi Stand: Outside the South Gate, along Polk Street.

HAVE YOUR PARTY AT IRISH FEST

Rent a tent or an upper patio in the Hospitality Area for your reunion or get-together at next year's Fest. Call (414) 476-3378 for information.

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Milwaukee Irish Fest School of Music

In keeping with our mission to promote Irish music and culture, Irish Fest is proud to sponsor the Milwaukee Irish Fest School of Music, which opened in 2002 at the Irish Fest Center. A dedicated faculty offers instruction to students of all ages in banjo, bodhran, bouzouki, button accordion, fiddle, flute, guitar, harp, uilleann pipes, keyboard and tin whistle. Fall classes begin in September.

Help Preserve Irish Music!

Join us on Saturday, March 2, 2013 for the **14th Annual Green Tie Event** at the Wisconsin Club supporting the Ward Irish Music Archives. *Save the date!* Call the Irish Fest Center at **(414) 476-3378** for more information.



CLAN REUNION

Irish Fest offers a special welcome to members of the **HIGGINS** Clan. For information on how your clan can take part next year or in future years, visit IrishFest.com or call **(414) 476-3378**

Irish Fest Foundation

The Irish Fest Foundation was formed to support the goals of Irish Fest, including: excellence and innovation in Irish music and culture; special needs of the Irish and the Milwaukee area communities, with particular focus on the needs of children, the elderly, the poor and people with developmental disabilities; and charitable and educational missions of Irish Festivals, Inc. Since its creation, the Foundation has provided grants totaling more than \$500,000 to non-profit organizations.



Ward Irish Music Archives

Open to the public, the Archives promotes and preserves Irish music in all its forms through collected sound recordings and reference materials. Materials include albums, 45 & 78 rpms, cassettes, CDs, songbooks, sheet music, photos of artists and any items that relate to Irish and Irish American music. Donate 10 or more Irish-related items to the Archives and receive two free tickets to next year's Irish Fest.



Special Thanks to Our Volunteers

The biggest Irish festival in North America would not be possible without the help of 4,000 volunteers who are dedicated to ensuring our guests have a great time this weekend. We are grateful for their help and we know they find it rewarding, too. We invite you to be a part of the behind-the-scenes fun and action during the festival and year-round events. There are several opportunities for adults and children of all ages, including a Youth Volunteer Program that fosters leadership and excellence in the next generation. If you'd like to get involved in helping keep our heritage alive, visit IrishFest.com.

Academic Scholarships for Volunteers

Irish Fest depends on its many volunteers to put together a premier festival each year. To help recognize them and show its appreciation, Irish Festivals, Inc. established scholarships for Irish Fest volunteers in 2002. Up to four \$2,000 postsecondary scholarships are awarded each year to deserving volunteers.

For more information visit IrishFest.com.

Irish Fest Center

Since 1998, the Irish Fest Center at 1532 Wauwatosa Ave. has housed the offices of Irish Festivals, Inc., the parent organization of Milwaukee Irish Fest.

The Center is home to the expansive Ward Irish Music Archives and an Irish resource library. The Center also offers meeting space for classes, small performances and concerts.



Irish Fest Summer School

Irish Fest's Summer School is a summer school you'll actually enjoy! This year's installment of the annual summer school took place at MSOE's campus and ran from August 13-17. If you've ever wanted to learn more about Irish music, dance, song, arts, history, language and culture – you won't want to miss out on Irish Fest's Summer School again! If you missed the fun this year, be sure to sign up for Summer School 2013 – August 12-16. World renowned instructors educate and entertain all those who enroll! For more details visit IrishFest.com or call **414-476-3378**.

Milwaukee Irish Fest 2012

