

GET TO KNOW CELTICMKE



Milwaukee Irish Fest is proudly presented by CelticMKE. We are a nonprofit dedicated to sharing our love of Celtic music, art, history, and culture with people both in the Midwest and around the world. Along with our one-of-a-kind festival, CelticMKE is home to a number of year-round programs, cultural-heritage projects and events.

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It's easy to support CelticMKE programs and our efforts in preserving and promoting Celtic traditions and music education. Scan the QR code to donate today!



RAFFLE INFORMATION

Join the fun in Irish Fest's annual raffle and you could win some fantastic prizes! The raffle is located at the Raffle and Information booth.

FIRST PLACE PRIZE:

\$2000 toward an Ireland Vacation Land Package, courtesy of Celtic Tours.*

SECOND PLACE PRIZE:

October 2023 Tour for Two, courtesy of Harp & Eagle Tours.**

THIRD PLACE PRIZE:

\$1,500 cash

FOURTH PLACE PRIZE:

\$500 cash


Raffle tickets can be purchased on the grounds for **\$3 for one ticket, \$10 for five tickets, and \$20 for twelve tickets**. Raffle ticket sales will end on Sunday at 6:30 PM. The raffle drawing takes place on Sunday at the Aer Lingus Stage at 7 PM.

*Prize may not be redeemed for cash. Prize value of \$2000 awarded to the winner. Prize can be applied to any Ireland vacation of your choice. Any arrangements over the \$2000 value, will the responsibility of the prize winner. Should the package fall short of \$2,000, a future credit can be applied for up to one year from date of travel to return to Ireland with Celtic Tours. Once Celtic Tours is notified of the winner's name, prize is nontransferable. While there are no specific blackout dates, travel will be based on availability at the time of booking. Travel must commence no later than August 2024.

**Includes 7 nights at Old Ground Hotel, Ennis County Clare, daily breakfast, and airfare for two (2). Restrictions apply

TRADFEST

TRADFEST TEMPLE BAR RETURNS

Milwaukee Irish Fest is partnering with Dublin's renowned TradFest for a sixth year, to showcase emerging artists in Ireland at the fest. Catch TradFest performers The Finns, MEGA-Trad, and Polly Barrett all weekend long. Just look for the fiddle icon on the schedule. 

THE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUG. 17

THE GRAND HOOLEY

Sponsored by Associated Bank 

Schedule subject to change. Please download the app for the most up-to-date information. Hours: 5 PM to 10 PM

LAKEFRONT BREWERY STAGE

- 5:15 Polly Barrett 
- 7:00 MEGA-Trad 
- 8:45 Wallis Bird

MILLER LITE STAGE

- 5:15 The Finns
- 7:00 Ulla
- 8:45 The Friel Sisters

DANCE PAVILION

- 5:15 Dance Lessons
- 6:45 Cream City Céilí Band – Céilí
- 8:15 Athas with Grainne Fitzgibbons and Grace Galligan – Set



FRIDAY, AUG. 18

THE GATHERING

Schedule subject to change. Please download the app for the most up-to-date information. Hours: 4 PM to 12 AM

AER LINGUS STAGE

- 4:15 Trinity Academy of Irish Music
- 6:00 The Drowsy Lads
- 8:00 Derek Warfield & the Young Wolfe Tones
- 10:00 Eileen Ivers

CELTIC ROOTS STAGE Sponsored by Catholic Financial Life

- 4:15 Wallis Bird
- 5:45 The Henry Girls

CIDERBOYS STAGE

- 4:15 Beglan Academy of Irish Dance
- 6:15 The Coronas
- 8:00 Skerryvore
- 10:00 Hermitage Green

COORS LIGHT / PARKVIEW SENIOR-LIVING COMMUNITY STAGE

- 4:15 The Friel Sisters
- 6:00 Lisa Canny
- 8:00 Goitse
- 10:00 Scythian



FRIDAY, AUG. 18

LAKEFRONT BREWERY STAGE



- 4:15 Milwaukee Irish Fest Choir
- 5:45 Kinsella Academy of Irish Dance
- 7:15 Colm & Laura Keegan
- 8:45 Ulla
- 10:15 The Byrne Brothers

MILLER LITE STAGE



- 4:15 Shane Hennessy
- 6:00 Boxing Banjo
- 8:00 Gaelic Storm
- 10:00 Doolin'

THE SNUG STAGE



Sponsored by TradFest

- 4:15 Merfolk
- 5:45 Polly Barrett
- 7:15 MEGA-Trad
- 8:45 The Finns

VILLAGE PUB

- 4:30 Grosse Isle
- 6:15 Diddley Idols
- 8:00 Cassie & Maggie

VIZZY HARD SELTZER STAGE



- 4:15 MaryAnn Miller
- 5:45 Cat and Hare
- 7:15 Brett Lipshutz and Vidar Skrede
- 8:45 Dublin O'Shea

CEDAR CREST CHILDREN'S STAGE



- 5:00 Wayne Francis, puppeteer
- 6:15 Trinity Irish Dancers

CALLAN CELTIC KITCHEN



- 4:30 - 5:15 Chef Tom Flavin
- 6:00 - 6:30 Five Farms Irish Cream

DANCE PAVILION

- 4:15 Céilí Lessons
- 5:00 Ceol Cairde - Céilí
- 6:30 Set Lessons
- 7:15 Capitol Ceili Band - Set
- 9:00 The Drowsy Lads with Éamonn de Cógáin



FRIDAY, AUG. 18

HEDGE SCHOOL

- 4:00 Grainne Fitzgibbon and Grace Galligan - Limerick Scholarship Program
- 4:30 Consul General Kevin Byrne Address for the Global Scholars Symposium
- 5:00 The Shared Colonial Narrative of Ireland and the United States of America
- 6:00 Racism and Anti-Racism: An Audience with the 'Black and Irish' Organization

THEATRE PAVILION

One-act plays presented by Milwaukee Irish Arts

- 5:00 The Wheelchair on My Face
- 6:00 Bedtime Story

GAELTACHT

- 4:15 - 5:15 Alicia Guinn - Sean-Nós Dancing & Workshop
- 5:30 - 6:45 Oireachtas Show - Ray Mac Mánaís hosts highlights from Ireland's premier Irish cultural festival
- 7:00 - 8:00 Máirín Uí Chéide - Sean-Nós Singing & Workshop

JOHN BYRNE STAGE

- 4:45 Na Faolchunna
- 5:45 Joanie McGovern, stories and songs

IRISH MUSIC SESSIONS

Located along the Lagoon walkway on the back side of Water Street Brewery

- 4:00 - 5:45 Black Husky - Irish Music Session
- 6:00 - 7:45 Oconomowoc - Irish Music Session
- 8:00 - 9:00 Open Session

IRISH LANGUAGE WORKSHOP TENT

- 6:00 Rónán Ó Dochartaigh - Irish Language phrases for Irish Fest
- 7:15 Joe Ó Donail - Fluent in a half hour

FRIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy tea, desserts and our famous Shamrock Cookies at the Tipperary Tea Room
- Meet Irish authors all weekend long at the Literary Corner!
- Discover your Irish roots by visiting our Genealogy Area!
- Visit our Celtic Canines area and meet some of Ireland's most popular dog breeds!



SATURDAY, AUG. 19

THE DAY

Schedule subject to change. Please download the app for the most up-to-date information. Hours: 12 PM to 12 AM

AER LINGUS STAGE AerLingus

- 12:15 Academy of Irish Music
- 2:00 Kinsella Academy of Irish Dance
- 4:15 Cashel Academy of Irish Dance
- 6:00 Eileen Ivers
- 8:00 Derek Warfield & The Young Wolfe Tones
- 10:00 The Drowsy Lads

CELTIC ROOTS STAGE

Sponsored by Catholic Financial Life

- 12:15 Enda Reilly
- 1:45 Merfolk
- 3:30 Róisín O
- 5:15 Wallis Bird
- 7:00 The Henry Girls
- 8:45 Shane Hennessy

CIDERBOYS STAGE

- 12:30 Reilly
- 2:00 Gleasons
- 4:00 McNamara McCarthy School of Irish Dance
- 6:00 The Coronas
- 8:00 Skerryvore
- 10:00 Hermitage Green

COORS LIGHT / PARKVIEW SENIOR-LIVING COMMUNITY STAGE

- 12:00 Frogwater
- 1:30 The Leahy Family
- 3:00 Goitse
- 4:45 Glencastle Irish Dancers
- 6:30 The Friel Sisters
- 8:30 Scythian
- 10:15 Lisa Canny

LAKEFRONT BREWERY STAGE

- 12:30 Milwaukee Irish Fest Choir
- 2:00 Milwaukee Irish Fest School of Music
- 3:30 Beglan Academy of Irish Dance
- 5:00 Colm & Laura Keegan
- 6:45 The Byrne Brothers
- 8:30 Ulla
- 10:15 Finbar McCarthy



When Irish eyes
 Sure tis like a moor
 in the heart of the
 Irish quarter

SATURDAY, AUG. 19

MILLER LITE STAGE

- 12:15 Áthas
- 2:00 Tallymoore
- 4:00 Doolin'
- 6:00 Trinity Academy of Irish Music
- 8:00 Boxing Banjo
- 10:00 Gaelic Storm

THE SNUG STAGE

Sponsored by TradFest

- 12:15 Grainne Fitzgibbons and Grace Galligan - Limerick Partnership
- 2:00 STEAM Irish Quartet
- 3:45 The Finns
- 5:30 Polly Barrett
- 7:15 MEGA-Trad

VILLAGE PUB

- 12:30 Barry Dodd
- 2:15 Diddley Idols
- 4:00 Grosse Isle
- 5:45 Cassie & Maggie
- 7:30 Pay the Devil



VIZZY HARD SELTZER STAGE

- 12:15 Green Sails
- 1:45 Curtis Crossroads
- 3:15 'Tis
- 4:45 Jeff Ward
- 6:15 Asher Gray, Randy Gosa, Molly Noyes, and Olivia Langby
- 7:45 Atlantic Wave

CEDAR CREST CHILDREN'S STAGE

- 12:30 Wayne Francis, puppeteer
- 1:30 Children's Freckles Contest
- 2:30 Acme Fiddle Company
- 3:30 Schauer Center Irish Dancers
- 4:30 Fox and Branch
- 5:30 Scythian
- 6:30 McNamara McCarthy School of Irish Dance

CALLAN CELTIC KITCHEN

- 1:00 - 1:45 Chef Tom Flavin
- 3:00 - 3:45 Chef Tom Flavin
- 5:00 - 5:45 Chef Joe Parajecski
- 6:30 - 7:00 Five Farms Irish Cream



SATURDAY, AUG. 19

DANCE PAVILION

- 12:15 Céilí Lessons
 1:00 Ceol Cairde – Céilí
 2:30 Set Lessons
 3:15 Capitol Céilí Band – Set
 5:00 Céilí Lessons
 5:45 Frogwater – Céilí
 7:30 STEAM Irish Quartet – Set
 9:30 Chicago Reel with Éamonn de Cógáin

HEDGE SCHOOL

- 12:15 Woman and Superwoman;
 Interpretations of Brigid
 1:15 The Politics of Languages
 2:15 Irish Pasts. Transformations of Ireland,
 North and South: 1958-2023
 3:30 The Black and Irish Experience
 4:30 Irish Sporting Lives
 5:30 Culture from the Ground Up: Teaching Irish
 language and Heritage at Oideas Gael
 6:30 Irish and Irish American Sisters in Building
 the Nation: The Role of Religious Women in
 Building a Democracy
 7:30 You're Never Too Old: The Bagpipe for the
 Adult Learner

THEATRE PAVILION

One-act plays presented by Milwaukee Irish Arts

- 1:00 In the Shadow of the Glen
 2:00 A Series of Tiny Plays: Series One –
 Poster Boy, Calling Time, Debris, Soulmates,
 Straight Talk, Somewhere
 3:00 Bedtime Story
 4:00 A Series of Tiny Plays: Series Two –
 Between Us We Have Everything; It's a Lovely Day,
 Bill Withers; Ode to Life; Unrequited; Where Will
 We Go
 5:00 The Wheelchair on My Face
 6:00 In the Shadow of the Glen
 7:00 Bedtime Story

SATURDAY, AUG. 19

GAELTACHT

- 12:15 - 1:15 Máirín Uí Chéide – Sean-Nós Singing
 & Workshop
 1:30 - 2:30 Cathal Ó Curráin
 2:45 - 3:45 Noble Music of Ireland
 4:00 - 5:00 Enda Reilly
 5:15 - 6:30 Oireachtas Show – Ray Mac Mánaís
 hosts highlights from Ireland's premier Irish
 cultural festival
 6:45 - 7:45 Alicia Guinn – Sean-Nós Dancing
 & Workshop

JOHN BYRNE STAGE

- 1:00 Storytime with Mamo Keera
 2:00 Hugh Irwin, The Kilted Magician
 3:00 Wayne Francis, puppeteer
 4:00 Joanie McGovern, stories and songs

IRISH MUSIC SESSIONS

*Located along the Lagoon walkway on
 the back side of Water Street Brewery*

- 12:00 - 1:45 Paddy's Pub – Irish Music Session
 2:00 - 3:45 Irish Fest Song Circle – Irish Song Session
 4:00 - 5:45 County Clare – Irish Music Session
 6:00 - 7:45 County Crossing – Irish Music Session
 8:00 - 9:00 Open Session

IRISH LANGUAGE WORKSHOP TENT

- 2:00 Joe Ó Donaill – Fluent in a half hour
 3:15 Rebecca Shields – Learning Irish from an Irish
 language soap opera, Ros na Rún
 4:30 Brian Ó Conchubhair – Development of Irish
 language literature since the Celtic Revival
 5:45 Dineen Grow – Fun with the Irish language:
 blessings, curses, and proverbs

CURRACH RACES

Watch along the lagoon!

- 12:00 - 5:00 Milwaukee Currach Hosts the North
 American Currach Association Regatta



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SATURDAY HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit our Celtic Canines area and meet some of Ireland's most popular dog breeds!
- 4 PM Parade
- Catch Currach Races throughout the afternoon along the Lagoon

SUNDAY, AUG. 20

THE SCATTERING

Schedule subject to change. Please download the app for the most up-to-date information. Hours: 11 AM to 9 PM

AER LINGUS STAGE Aer Lingus

- 11:15 Blackthorn
- 12:30 Glencastle Irish Dancers
- 2:00 Derek Warfield & The young Wolfe Tones
- 3:45 The Drowsy Lads
- 5:30 Eileen Ivers
- 7:00 Raffle Drawing
- 7:15 Volunteer of the Year
- 8:00 The Scattering

CELTIC ROOTS STAGE

Sponsored by Catholic Financial Life

- 11:15 The Henry Girls
- 1:00 Merfolk
- 2:45 The Piping Circle
- 4:30 Shane Hennessy
- 6:15 Wallis Bird

CIDERBOYS STAGE

- 11:15 Radiation
- 12:45 Milwaukee Irish Dance Studio
- 2:30 Skerryvore
- 4:15 Hermitage Green
- 6:00 The Coronas

COORS LIGHT / PARKVIEW SENIOR-LIVING COMMUNITY STAGE

- 11:15 Cashel Academy of Irish Dance
- 1:15 Goitse
- 3:00 Lisa Canny
- 4:45 The Friel Sisters
- 6:30 Scythian

LAKEFRONT BREWERY STAGE

- 11:15 Colm & Laura Keegan
- 12:45 Milwaukee Irish Fest Choir
- 2:30 Róisín O
- 4:15 Byrne Brothers
- 6:00 Ulla

MILLER LITE STAGE

- 11:15 Bellator Academy of Irish Music
- 1:00 Tallymoore
- 2:45 Boxing Banjo
- 4:30 Doolin'
- 6:15 Gaelic Storm



SUNDAY, AUG. 20

THE SNUG STAGE

Sponsored by TradFest

- 11:15 Fiachra O'Regan
- 1:00 Grainne Fitzgibbons and Grace Galligan - Limerick Partnership
- 2:45 The Finns
- 4:30 Polly Barrett
- 6:15 MEGA-Trad

VILLAGE PUB

- 11:15 Evan & Tom Leahy
- 1:00 Kim Robertson
- 2:45 Ian Gould
- 4:30 Cassie & Maggie
- 6:15 Grosse Isle

VIZZY HARD SELTZER STAGE

- 11:15 3 Pints Gone
- 12:45 Hearthfire
- 2:15 Rory Modlinski
- 3:45 The O'Bradys
- 5:15 Derek Byrne & Paddygrass

CEDAR CREST CHILDREN'S STAGE

- 11:30 Wayne Francis, puppeteer
- 12:30 Fox and Branch
- 1:30 Children's Red Hair Contest
- 2:30 Milwaukee Irish Dance Studio
- 3:30 Scythian
- 4:30 Acme Fiddle Company
- 5:30 Milwaukee Irish Fest School of Music

CalLEN CELTIC KITCHEN

- 12:00-12:45 Chef Tom Flavin
- 1:45-2:30 Chef Tom Flavin
- 3:30-4:15 Chef Brian Moran

DANCE PAVILION

- 12:00 Ceol Cairde - Céilí
- 1:45 Set Lessons
- 2:30 STEAM Irish Quartet - Set
- 4:30 Chicago Reel with Éamonn de Cógáin

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SUNDAY, AUG. 20

HEDGE SCHOOL

- 11:15** Irish Citizenship and Passports Information Session
- 12:15** A Place of Pilgrimage: the Aran Islands in the Dictionary of Irish Biography
- 1:15** Ireland Today – Challenges and Opportunities
- 2:15** Irish Futures. Future Referendums on Irish Unification
- 3:30** The Black and Irish Experience
- 4:30** State of Denial: The Irish Civil War and the Spectre of Ireland in Martin McDonagh's The Banshees of Inisherin
- 5:30** Poetry Hour

THEATRE PAVILION

One-act plays presented by Milwaukee Irish Arts

- 12:00** **A Series of Tiny Plays: Series One** – Poster Boy, Calling Time, Debris, Soulmates, Straight Talk, Somewhere
- 1:00** **Bedtime Story**
- 2:00** **A Series of Tiny Plays: Series Two** – Between Us We Have Everything; It's a Lovely Day, Bill Withers; Ode to Life; Where Will We Go
- 3:00** **In the Shadow of the Glen**
- 4:00** **A Series of Tiny Plays: Series One** – Poster Boy, Calling Time, Debris, Soulmates, Straight Talk, Somewhere
- 5:00** **The Wheelchair on My Face**
- 6:00** **A Series of Tiny Plays: Series Two** – Between Us We Have Everything; It's a Lovely Day, Bill Withers; Ode to Life; Unrequited; Where Will We Go

GAELTACHT

- 11:15–12:15** **Alicia Guinn** – Sean-Nós Dancing & Workshop
- 12:30–1:45** **Oireachtas Show** – Ray Mac Mánaís hosts highlights from Ireland's premier Irish cultural festival
- 2:00–3:00** **Shane Hennessy**
- 3:15–4:15** **Máirín Uí Chéide** – Sean-Nós Singing & Workshop
- 4:30–5:30** **Enda Reilly**
- 5:45–6:45** **Noble Music of Ireland**

JOHN BYRNE STAGE

SUNDAY, AUG. 20

- 12:00** Storytime with Mamo Keera
- 1:00** Na Faolchunna
- 2:00** Wayne Francis, puppeteer
- 3:00** Hugh Irwin, The Kilted Magician

IRISH MUSIC SESSIONS

Located along the Lagoon walkway on the back side of Water Street Brewery

- 12:00 - 1:45** **52 Stafford** – Irish Music Session
- 2:00 - 3:45** **McAuliffe's Pub** – Irish Music Session
- 4:00 - 5:45** **O'Donoghue's Pub** – Irish Music Session
- 6:00 - 7:45** **Open Session**

IRISH LANGUAGE WORKSHOP TENT

- 1:30** **Brian Ó Conchubhair** – History of the Irish language movement in the United States
- 3:00** **Joe Ó Donaill** – Fluent in a half hour
- 4:00** **Rónán Ó Dochartaigh** – Irish language resources



SUNDAY HIGHLIGHTS

- The Liturgy for Peace and Justice with celebrant Most Reverend Thomas Anthony Daly, Bishop of Spokane, Washington
 - Service begins at 9:30 AM. View the front of the brochure for admission information.
- 4 PM Parade
- 7 PM Raffle Drawing at Aer Lingus Stage
- 8 PM The Scattering at Aer Lingus Stage

When Irish eyes are smiling
Sure tis like a moon in Spring
The tilt of Irish laughter