

2026 RAFFLE INFORMATION

Join the fun in Irish Fest's annual raffle and you could win some fantastic prizes! The raffle is located at the Mid-Gate and South Gate Information booths.

FIRST PLACE PRIZE:

Round-Trip Airfare for 2 to Dublin, courtesy of Aer Lingus*, plus \$2,000 toward an Ireland Land Package, courtesy of Celtic Tours**

SECOND PLACE PRIZE:

October 2026 Tour and Airfare for Two, courtesy of Harp & Eagle Tours & Old Ground Hotel***

THIRD PLACE PRIZE:

\$1,500 cash

FOURTH PLACE PRIZE:

\$500 cash

Raffle tickets can be purchased on the grounds for \$10 for one ticket, \$25 for three tickets, and \$50 for seven tickets. Raffle ticket sales will end on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. The raffle drawing takes place on Sunday at the Aer Lingus stage at 7:00 p.m.

*Airfare tickets are valid over 1 year with travel completed by 9/30/2027, noting blackout dates and possible peak travel dates. Non-transferable and no cash redemption value. Tickets must be used together on the same dates for Economy class round-trip from Chicago to Dublin on Aer Lingus based on availability. Other conditions apply. See www.irishfest.com for all conditions.

**Prize may not be redeemed for cash. Prize value of \$2,000 awarded to the winner. Prize can be applied to any Ireland vacation of your choice. Any arrangements over the \$2,000 value, will be 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 September 2027.

***Includes 7 nights at Old Ground Hotel, Ennis County Clare, daily breakfast, and \$1,000 toward airfare for two to Ireland. Restrictions apply.



TRADFEST TEMPLE BAR RETURNS

Milwaukee Irish Fest is partnering with Dublin's renowned TradFest to showcase emerging artists in Ireland at The Snug stage. Catch TradFest performers

Cailíní Lua, Fionn and Jonathan Angus, George Murphy, and Wickerlight all weekend long. Just look for the fiddle icon on the schedule. 🎻

TRADFEST
20-24 JAN 2027

THE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUG. 13

THE GRAND HOOLEY

Schedule subject to change. Please download the app, powered by Ciderboys, for the most up-to-date information. Only partial grounds open. Hours: 5 to 10 p.m.

LAKEFRONT BREWERY STAGE



- 5:15 Cailíní Lua 🎻
- 6:30 George Murphy and Friends 🎻
- 7:45 Billow Wood
- 9:00 The Brigideens

MILLER LITE STAGE



- 5:15 Milwaukee Together:
An Irish Dance Showcase
- 7:00 Wickerlight 🎻
- 8:45 Biird



DANCE PAVILION



THE AMERICAN
COMPANY
OF IRISH DANCE

- 5:15 Dance Lessons
- 6:45 Cream City Ceili Band - Céilí
- 8:15 Athas and University of Limerick
Partnership - Set

THE CROSSROADS



NORTHWOODS

- 5:45 Asher Gray - DJ Set
- 7:00 SuperCéilí - Trad Rave Irish Dance Party

FRIDAY, AUG. 14

THE GATHERING

Schedule subject to change. Please download the app, powered by Ciderboys, for the most up-to-date information. Hours: 4 to 11 p.m.

CIDERBOYS STAGE



- 4:15 Trinity Irish Dance Academy
- 6:00 Ally the Piper
- 7:45 Biird
- 9:45 Scythian

CELTICMKE STAGE

- 4:15 Nicolas Brown
- 5:45 Old Guard: Brett Lipshutz
and Maria Terres
- 7:15 Cat and Hare
- 8:45 Ceili Nights

LAKEFRONT BREWERY STAGE



- 4:15 The Foreign Landers
- 6:00 Bellator Academy of Irish Dance
- 7:45 Bog Bodies
- 9:30 Billow Wood



FRIDAY, AUG. 14

MILLER LITE STAGE

- 4:15 Sarah Sheehan and Kevin Shortall:
University of Limerick Partnership
6:00 Cashel Academy of Irish Dance
8:00 Gaelic Storm
9:45 Conor Mallon

THE CROSSROADS NORTHWOODS

- 7:00 Asher Gray - DJ Set
8:30 SuperCéilí - Trad Rave Irish Dance Party

AER LINGUS STAGE Aer Lingus

- 4:15 The Brigideens
5:45 Beglan Academy of Irish Dance
7:45 Eileen Ivers
9:45 JigJam

THE SNUG STAGE

- 4:15 Flanagan Brothers Legacy:
Neely, Ó Meachair and Dolan
6:00 George Murphy and Friends 
7:15 Wickerlight 
9:00 Cailíní Lua 

PARKVIEW SENIOR- LIVING COMMUNITY STAGE

- 4:15 Gray, Gosa, and Langby
5:15 Pat Broaders and Kieran O'Hare
7:00 Gardiner Brothers
8:00 Altan
9:45 The Drowsy Lads

VILLAGE PUB

- 4:30 The Boils
6:15 Brenda Castles
8:00 Campbell and Jensen
9:45 Diddleys Idols

CELTIC ROOTS STAGE

- 4:30 Nuala Kennedy and
Eamon O'Leary
6:15 Tommy Sands
8:00 O'jizo
9:45 Shane Hennessy

DANCE PAVILION

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

CELTIC KITCHEN

Please refer to the website or the app for Celtic Kitchen schedule information.



Gardiner Brothers

FRIDAY, AUG. 14

CEDAR CREST CHILDREN'S STAGE

- 4:45 Wayne Francis, puppeteer
6:00 Hugh Irwin, The Kilted Magician
7:15 Schauer Center Irish Dance

IRISH MUSIC SESSIONS

Located at the Lakefront Sessions Bar.

- 4:00 - 5:45 O'Donoghue's
6:00 - 7:45 Paddy's Pub
8:00 - 9:00 Open Session

THEATRE PAVILION

- 5:30 Meeting Venus
6:15 Storytelling with Éamonn de Cógáin
7:30 Letters to Ireland: The Emigrant Experience
In Their Own Words

GAELTACHT

- 4:15 Sean-nós Dancing with Caoimhe Ní Mhaolagáin
5:45 Oireachtas Show with Ray Mac Mánaís
& Joe Ó Dónaill
7:30 Diarmuid Ó Meachair

IRISH LANGUAGE WORKSHOP TENT

- 4:30 Joe Ó Donaill: Fluent in a Half Hour
5:30 Connie Marshner: Beginning Irish
6:30 Vivienne Sayers: Irish Phrases for Irish Fest
7:30 Rónán Ó Dochartaigh: The Next
Step after Beginning Irish

HEDGE SCHOOL

- 4:15 The Imirce Project: Irish emigrant letters home
from North America
5:15 The Early Novel in Ireland: from Poetry to Prose
6:15 19th Century Belfast: A British City in the
North of Ireland?
7:15 The Sinn Fein Idea: Irish Music After the Rising

FRIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy tea, desserts and our famous shamrock cookies at the Tipperary Tea Room.
- Join the craic and speak Irish! Visit the Irish Language Workshop Tent on the south end of the grounds to learn simple Irish phrases.
- Stop by the Genealogy Tent to see a special exhibit, presented by the University of Galway's Imirce Project, highlighting Irish emigrant letters and family stories from North America.
- Visit our Celtic Canines area and meet some of Ireland's most popular dog breeds.

SATURDAY, AUG. 15

THE DAY

Schedule subject to change. Please download the app, powered by Ciderboys, for the most up-to-date information.

Hours: 12 to 11 p.m.

CIDERBOYS STAGE

- 12:00 Radiation
- 1:45 Reilly
- 3:30 Biird
- 5:30 Cashel Academy of Irish Dance
- 7:30 Scythian
- 9:30 Ally the Piper

CELTICMKE STAGE

- 12:15 Ogham
- 1:45 Barry Dodd and Denise Laumann
- 3:15 Dublin O'Shea
- 4:45 Gray, Gosa, and Langby
- 6:15 The Stirling Latelys
- 7:45 Atlantic Wave

LAKEFRONT BREWERY STAGE

- 12:15 Academy of Irish Music
- 1:15 Milwaukee Irish Fest School of Music
- 2:45 Athas
- 4:30 Milwaukee Irish Dance Studio
- 6:15 Billow Wood
- 8:00 The Foreign Landers
- 9:45 Bog Bodies

MILLER LITE STAGE

- 12:15 Evan and Tom Leahy
- 2:00 Kinsella Academy of Irish Dance
- 3:30 Arthritis Foundation Run/Walk to Milwaukee Irish Fest Award Ceremony
- 4:15 Gardiner Brothers
- 5:30 Trinity Irish Dance Academy
- 7:30 Conor Mallon
- 9:30 Gaelic Storm

AER LINGUS STAGE

- 12:15 Beglan Academy of Irish Dance
- 2:00 Aer Lingus College Football Classic Wisconsin Badgers Pep Rally
- 3:30 The Brigideens
- 5:15 McNamara McCarthy School of Irish Dance
- 7:00 Eileen Ivers
- 9:00 JigJam

SATURDAY, AUG. 15

THE SNUG STAGE

- 12:15 Sarah Sheehan and Kevin Shortall: University of Limerick Partnership
- 2:00 Fionn and Jonathan Angus
- 3:00 Flanagan Brothers Legacy: Neely, Ó Meachair and Dolan
- 4:45 Cailíní Lua
- 6:30 Wickerlight
- 7:45 George Murphy and Friends

PARKVIEW SENIOR-LIVING COMMUNITY STAGE

- 12:15 Blackthorn Folly
- 1:45 Bohola
- 3:45 Glencastle Irish Dancers
- 5:45 The Drowsy Lads
- 7:45 Altan
- 9:45 Gardiner Brothers

VILLAGE PUB

- 12:15 Hearthfire
- 1:45 Brenda Castles
- 3:15 Campbell and Jensen
- 5:00 Diddley Idols
- 6:45 Pat Broaders and Kieran O'Hare
- 8:30 Gould and Jaeger
- 9:45 SuperCéilí

AER LINGUS COLLEGE FOOTBALL CLASSIC WISCONSIN BADGERS PEP RALLY

Saturday, Aug. 15
2 p.m. Aer Lingus stage



WISCONSIN PRIDE MEETS IRISH SPIRIT

Get ready to cheer on the Badgers as Irish Fest teams up with the Aer Lingus College Football Classic for a high-energy pep rally celebrating Wisconsin's journey to Ireland in 2027. Featuring the University of Wisconsin Alumni Marching Band, Paddy and Molly McFest, the Sláinte Irish Dancers, and more, this spirited celebration brings together Wisconsin pride and Irish culture in true Irish Fest fashion.

Be sure to stop by the Aer Lingus College Football Classic activation area throughout the festival, where you can test your skills with a football toss and learn more about the Badgers' 2027 game in Ireland.

SATURDAY, AUG. 15

CELTIC ROOTS STAGE

- 12:15 Frogwater
1:45 The Piper's Chair: A showcase of uilleann piping:
Kieran O'Hare, Conor Mallon & Nicholas Brown
3:30 Nuala Kennedy and Eamon O'Leary
5:15 Shane Hennessy
7:00 Tommy Sands
8:45 O'Jizo

DANCE PAVILION



- 12:15 Céilí Lessons
1:00 Ceol Cairde - Céilí
2:30 Set Lessons
3:15 Rare Privilege - Set
5:00 Céilí Lessons
5:45 Frogwater - Céilí
7:30 The Cosmic Otters - Set
9:15 Chicago Reel with Éamonn de Cógáin

CELTIC KITCHEN



Please refer to the website or the app for Celtic Kitchen schedule information.

JOHN BYRNE STAGE



- 12:45 Wayne Francis, puppeteer
2:00 Hugh Irwin, The Kilted Magician
3:15 Tesek

CEDAR CREST CHILDREN'S STAGE



- 12:30 Trinity Irish Dancers
1:45 O'Darby
3:00 Milwaukee Irish Dance Studio
4:15 O'Darby
5:30 Wayne Francis, puppeteer
6:45 Hugh Irwin, The Kilted Magician

THE CROSSROADS



NORTHWOODS

- 12:00 Milwaukee Rugby Football Club Demonstration
12:45 Celtic Nations Pipes and Drums
2:00 Children's Freckle Contest
3:00 Adult's Freckle Contest
5:00 Daley Debutantes
6:00 Billy Mitchell Scottish Pipes and Drums
with the Caledonian Scottish Dancers

IRISH MUSIC SESSIONS

Located at the Lakefront Sessions Bar.

- 12:00-1:45 Rome Session
2:00-3:45 Irish Fest Song Circle
4:00-5:45 County Crossing
6:00-7:45 County Clare
8:00-9:00 Open Session

THEATRE PAVILION

- 1:00 Meeting Venus
1:45 Storytelling with Éamonn de Cógáin
3:00 Letters to Ireland: The Emigrant
Experience In Their Own Words
4:15 Chapatti
6:00 Young Sully: Stories from an Irish-American
Youth with Patrick O'Sullivan
7:15 Meeting Venus

SATURDAY, AUG. 15

GAELTACHT



- 12:15 Sean-nós Singing with Corn Uí Riada Winner
Máirín Uí Chéide
1:45 Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh & Mark Kelly
3:15 Sean-nós Dancing with Caoimhe Ní Mhaolagáin
4:45 Oireachtas Show with Ray Mac Mánaís
& Joe Ó Dónaill
6:30 Enda Reilly

IRISH LANGUAGE WORKSHOP TENT

- 1:00 Joe Ó Donaill: Fluent in a Half Hour
2:00 Connie Marshner: Beginning Irish
3:00 Vivienne Sayers: Irish Phrases for Irish Fest
4:00 Fr. Frainc Bradiagh: Irish Jesuit Contributions
to the Rediscovery of Irish Language Literature
5:00 Brian Ó Conchubhair: Doug Hyde in the Midwest
and the Early Irish Language Movement
6:00 Rónán Ó Dochartaigh: The Next Step after
Beginning Irish
7:00 Dan Schlitz: Wisconsin's Contributions
to the Irish Language Movement
8:00 Pop-up Gaeltacht

HEDGE SCHOOL



- 12:15 We Lost Wee Jack: The Death of a Boy
in Post-Famine Ulster
1:15 Ryan Coogler's Sinners
3:15 Eavan Boland, the Book of Kells,
and Lines Both Straight and Curved
4:15 Gulliver at 300: Understanding
Swift's Masterpiece of Satire
5:15 Plain Tom Shaughnessy:
The Lord from the Third Ward
6:15 19th Century Novels:
Finding a Voice
7:15 An All-Ireland Affair: The Music
of The Famous Flanagan Brothers



SATURDAY HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit our Celtic Canines area and meet some of Ireland's most popular dog breeds.
- Stop by Fáilte Ireland's Home of Halloween activation area near the Main Gate all weekend long to discover the origins of Halloween and Ireland's festive celebrations.
- 12 p.m. Irish Currach Club of Milwaukee Regatta. Watch along the lagoon.
- 2 p.m. & 3 p.m. Children's & Adult Freckles Contests. Go to The Crossroads before the start of each contest to sign up. Entries will end 15 minutes before each scheduled start time.
- 4 p.m. Parade

SUNDAY, AUG. 16

THE SCATTERING

Schedule subject to change. Please download the app, powered by Ciderboys, for the most up-to-date information. Hours: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

CIDERBOYS STAGE CIDERBOYS HARD CIDER

- 11:15 The Gleasons
- 12:45 Ally the Piper
- 2:30 Milwaukee Irish Dance Studio
- 4:15 Biird
- 6:15 Scythian

CELTICMKE STAGE

- 11:15 Mary Nolen's Harp and Shamrock Irish Ceili Orchestra All-Stars
- 12:45 Hearthfire
- 2:15 Pat Gaughan and Nancy Maio
- 3:45 The O'Bradys
- 5:15 Derek Byrne & Paddygrass

LAKEFRONT BREWERY STAGE



- 11:15 Bellator Academy of Irish Dance
- 1:00 Pat Broaders and Kieran O'Hare
- 2:45 The Foreign Landers
- 4:45 Billow Wood
- 6:30 Bog Bodies

MILLER LITE STAGE Miller Lite

- 11:15 Glencastle Irish Dances
- 1:15 Gardiner Brothers
- 2:30 Conor Mallon
- 4:30 Milwaukee Together: An Irish Dance Showcase
- 6:15 Gaelic Storm



SUNDAY, AUG. 16

AER LINGUS STAGE Aer Lingus

- 11:00 Bohola
- 12:30 The Brigueens
- 2:00 Kinsella Academy of Irish Dance
- 3:45 JigJam
- 5:30 Eileen Ivers
- 7:00 Raffle Drawing
- 7:15 Volunteer of the Year
- 8:00 The Scattering

THE SNUG STAGE TRAD FES!

- 11:15 Fionn and Jonathan Angus
- 12:30 Flanagan Brothers Legacy: Neely, Ó Meachair and Dolan
- 2:15 George Murphy and Friends
- 4:00 Wickerlight
- 6:00 Cailíní Lua

PARKVIEW SENIOR-LIVING COMMUNITY STAGE



- 11:30 Sarah Sheehan and Kevin Shortall: University of Limerick Partnership
- 1:30 McNamara McCarthy School of Irish Dance
- 3:15 Altan
- 5:15 Gardiner Brothers
- 6:30 The Drowsy Lads

VILLAGE PUB

- 11:15 Nicolas Brown
- 1:00 Brenda Castles
- 2:45 Gould and Jaeger
- 4:30 Campbell and Jensen
- 6:15 SuperCéili

CELTIC ROOTS STAGE

- 11:15 Kim Robertson
- 1:00 Nuala Kennedy and Eamon O'Leary
- 2:45 Tommy Sands
- 4:30 O'Jizo
- 6:15 Shane Hennessy

DANCE PAVILION



- 12:00 Providence Ceili Band - Céilí
- 1:45 Set Lessons
- 2:30 Mary Nolen's Harp and Shamrock Irish Ceili Orchestra All-Stars - Set
- 4:15 Chicago Reel with Éamonn de Cógáin



SUNDAY, AUG. 16

CELTIC KITCHEN BUNRATTY MEADE SINCE 1981

Please refer to the website or the app for Celtic Kitchen schedule information.

JOHN BYRNE STAGE Catholic Financial Life A Mutual Financial Life Group

- 11:45 Wayne Francis, puppeteer
1:00 Hugh Irwin, The Kilted Magician
2:15 Tesek

CEDAR CREST CHILDREN'S STAGE CEDAR CREST CHILDREN'S STAGE

- 11:30 McNamara McCarthy School of Irish Dance
12:45 Acme Fiddle Company
2:00 Wayne Francis, puppeteer
3:15 Great Lake Harp Studio
4:30 Hugh Irwin, The Kilted Magician
5:45 MKE Irish Fest Summer School Celtic Kids Camp
6:15 Milwaukee Irish Fest School of Music

THE CROSSROADS NORTHWOODS

- 12:00 Celtic Nations Pipes and Drums
2:00 Children's Freckle Contest
3:00 Adult's Freckle Contest
5:00 Daley Debutantes
6:00 Billy Mitchell Scottish Pipes and Drums with the Caledonian Scottish Dancers

IRISH MUSIC SESSIONS

Located at the Lakefront Sessions Bar.

- 12:00-1:45 Draft & Vessel
2:00-3:45 Brick House
4:00-5:45 McAuliffe's
6:00-7:45 Tosa West Fiddle Club

THEATRE PAVILION

- 12:00 Meeting Venus
12:45 Storytelling with Éamonn de Cógáin
2:00 Letters to Ireland: The Emigrant Experience In Their Own Words
3:15 Young Sully: Stories from an Irish-American Youth with Patrick O'Sullivan
4:30 Meeting Venus
5:15 Chapatti

GOLF IN IRELAND

June 20-26, 2027

A magical journey to Ireland's Wild Atlantic Northwest

Visit CelticMKE's (the home of Milwaukee Irish Fest) golf booth in the Travel Ireland area to learn more about an unforgettable adventure that includes golfing at five outstanding championship links courses and more. Stop by to learn more or visit celticmke.com for trip info.



SUNDAY, AUG. 16

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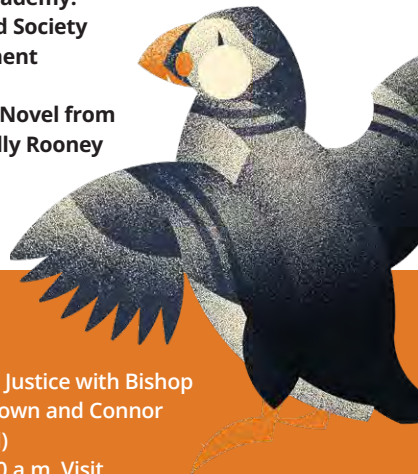
- 11:00 Sean-nós Dancing with Caoimhe Ní Mhaolagáin
12:30 Sean-nós Singing with Corn Uí Riada Winner Máirín Uí Chéide
2:00 Shane Hennessy
3:30 Oireachtas Show with Ray Mac Mánaís & Joe Ó Dónaill
5:15 Enda Reilly

IRISH LANGUAGE WORKSHOP TENT

- 1:00 Joe Ó Donaill: Fluent in a Half Hour
2:00 Vivienne Sayers: Irish Phrases for Irish Fest
3:00 Brian Ó Conchubhair: How the Irish Language Movement Shaped Irish Dance
4:00 Rónán Ó Dochartaigh: The Next Step after Beginning Irish
5:00 Dan Schlitz: Irish Last Names

HEDGE SCHOOL JUDITH A. SHANLEY FOUNDATION

- 11:30 Ward Irish Music Archives
12:30 Glass and Ink: The Art of Ireland's Harry Clarke
1:30 Acting Consul General Pádraig Manning
2:30 Belfast, A City Both Irish and British
3:30 The Royal Irish Academy: Ireland's All-Island Society for the Advancement of Learning
4:30 The Modern Irish Novel from James Joyce to Sally Rooney and beyond
5:30 Poetry Hour



SUNDAY HIGHLIGHTS

- The Liturgy for Peace and Justice with Bishop Alan McGuckian, S.J., of Down and Connor (Belfast, Northern Ireland)
 - Service begins at 9:30 a.m. Visit irishfest.com/mass for more information.
- 2 p.m. & 3 p.m. Children's & Adult Red Hair Contests. Go to The Crossroads before the start of each contest to sign up. Entries will end 15 minutes before each scheduled start time.
- 4 p.m. Parade
- 7 p.m. Raffle Drawing at Aer Lingus stage
- 8 p.m. The Scattering at Aer Lingus stage — Don't miss the festival's grand finale! A beloved Irish Fest tradition since the 1990s, The Scattering brings artists from the weekend all together onto one stage to perform one last time.