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Angels carol at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital

## NOLLAIG SHONA/ HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM THE CELTIC ANGELS!

*Submitted by Joyce Burke*

The Celtic Angels have had a great fall, and want to wish you all the happiest of Holiday seasons. This year we got to carol at Dawn's Candy Shoppe in Clarence and Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital. The highlight of our hospital caroling was the children singing an Irish Gaelic

version of Little Dummer Boy on the Mother and Baby ward, and one of the nurses holding up a new little one for the Angels to view. We'll be completing our season at the Folsky House Solstice celebration 12/21. Our monthly meeting location has shifted from the Buffalo Irish Center to Folsky House

in Clarence, to lessen the commute time for our north town's members.

We have missed our second optional practice each month, formerly singing with the Irish Center Saturday afternoon Seisium and all its fine and kind musicians. But, as things change, different opportunities present themselves, and we are now looking forward to the youth programming included in the North American conference of Comholtas Ceoltoiri Eireann in Buffalo in April, 4/5-7 and exploring the benefits of CCE membership. More to come!



2023 LAOH Hibernian of the year  
Kathleen McLuckie and Joyce Burke

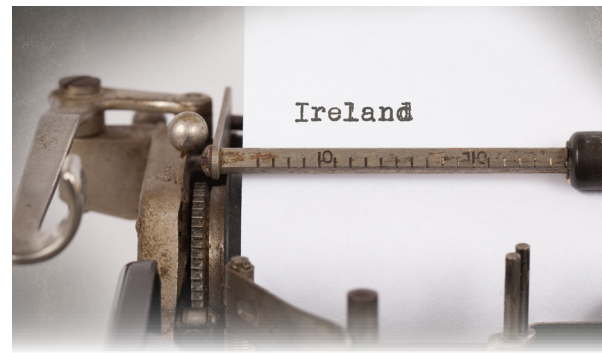
## SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM LAOH!

*Submitted by Kathleen McLuckie and Joyce Burke*

Thanks to all of you who joined us for our annual Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians/ LAOH fall luncheon. The event takes a tremendous amount of planning and effort, but we are very fortunate that our members are up for the challenge. In a year where local need is great, we were able to raise a record amount, and are now starting to disperse these funds between multiple worthy organizations. The first recipient was our own Buffalo Irish Center, adding to our earlier Buffalo Irish Fest donation. We all benefit when BIC is well supported and strong.

The next funds recipient was the First Ward Community Center, serving the underserved in the surrounding area. Our original thought was to adopt a few families for the holiday, but an experienced Center volunteer guided us instead to support their food program for the adjacent Senior housing, where so many of our neighbors are struggling. With the Center's guidance, we purchased foods to best help stretch a seniors' meager income, including healthy soups and foods with a long shelf life. For a special treat, we partnered with The Park Edge Sweet Shoppe on Abbott Road to create 50 bags of candy for

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# A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR...

## Happy New Year!

Here we are in 2024, where did the year go? I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas holidays and was able to spend time with family and friends.

The past year has been a very busy year at the Buffalo Irish. The volunteers have been awesome. I don't think I have ever seen the Buffalo Irish Center so busy. We even have a new roof on the building!

This is going to be a busy 2024. March is always busy with the "High Holy Days". St. Patrick's falls on a Sunday this year; so this means three days in a row. Friday morning, March 15th starts early with the Civic Luncheon at the Buffalo Irish Center. Saturday, March 16th we will be marching in the Old Neighborhood Parade and then Sunday with Buffalo's Delaware Avenue St Patrick Day parade.

Don't forget the Shamrock Run – Saturday, March 2, 2024

Remember to support our advertisers and stop down at the Buffalo Irish Center and say hello.

Slán go fóill

Kevin J. O'Brien, Editor

## *(Continued) Season's Greetings from LAOH!*

the seniors! The Park Edge team's generous spirit and hard work is greatly appreciated, along with the First Ward Community Center's dedicated and caring staff.

To support families with children in local hospitals, you all made it

possible for us to donate to Grace House, Kevin Guest House, and Ronald McDonald House, as well as the P.U.N.T. Pediatric Cancer Collaborative. Special Spaces also received LAOH funds to use in their work remodeling the bedrooms of young cancer patients. We wrapped up our giving with donations to our beloved Sisters of St. Joseph and the Columban Sisters. We are blessed to have sisters from both orders as honorary members in our local division. The Columban Sisters will be celebrating their 100-year anniversary in 2024 and we look forward to helping them celebrate. Please save the date of our 2024 Luncheon on Saturday, October



LAOH food donation to First Ward Community Seniors

26, so you can continue to help in our efforts to support our community with this annual tradition.

Another annual LAOH tradition is our Christmas party, where, jointly with the AOH, we honor a Hibernian of the Year, selected by previous award winners. This year's LAOH award was presented to Joyce Burke, for her above and beyond efforts as Missions and Charities officer. Joyce surprised the group by successfully teaching them to sing Jingle Bells, Bualadh bos, in Irish Gaelic. From our hearts to yours, we wish you all a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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# DAUGHTERS OF ERIN



Buffalo, NY

## THE DAUGHTERS OF ERIN

*By Meme Riedy*

With the Christmas Season upon us, the Daughters of Erin elves are busy volunteering at St. Luke's Mission of Mercy and the South Buffalo Community Table and collecting donations for the residents of the Buffalo Psychiatric Center.

This year we will begin our festivities with the Knights of Equity and Daughters of Erin Christmas Dinner at the Buffalo Irish Center. At the party, we will also welcome our new officers for 2024 – 2025. We congratulate our incoming officers, President Anne McGuirk, Vice President Mary Holzerland, Secretary Moey Oakley, Treasurer Karen McKee and Financial Secretary Peg McQueen. We also thank our outgoing officers, especially President Kathy Shanahan for all she has done for the organization these past two years.

Each year, we select a member to receive our prestigious Tara Award, the highest honor given to a member. The winner of this award will be announced at the Christmas party and the award will be presented at the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick dinner in March.

We wish all our members, their families, friends, and community a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy 2024.

## Buffalo Irish Center Welcomes the South Buffalo Cornhole Club!



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Meet Doug. Doug has been the “go to guy” for just about anything needed at the Irish Center since he started in 2016. Doug began his career at the Irish Center as a Maintenance Tech and has expanded his duties to include inventory, ordering, managing deliveries, and both bar and restaurant related duties. Doug also manages all aspects of the building and grounds, including the beautification of the Irish Center during March and during the summer. Although Doug is an employee of the Irish Center he often volunteers



his time to events held at the Irish Center to ensure their success. Doug plays a critical role in Irish Center operations and we are so thankful for his hard work and dedication



# RINCE NA TIARNA CHRISTMAS PARTY



# Nollaig Shona Dhaoibh!

Merry Christmas  
from the



# BUFFALO IRISH FESTIVAL



December 14th at the Buffalo Irish Center was the "All South Buffalo 8th Grade Class of '72 Holiday Get Together."

Thank you for choosing the Buffalo Irish Center! Happy Holidays!

# THE HARRIS-GRIECO ACADEMY

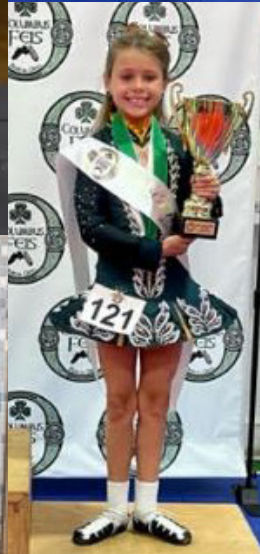
The Harris-Grieco Academy Irish Dancers had a busy summer! Many of the dancers spent their summer break participating in feiseanna in our region such as the Mary C. Heneghan Buffalo Feis, Rochester and Flower City Feis. Our competitions were not limited to Western NY, though. The Harris-Grieco Academy of Irish Dance was represented at feiseanna in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Canada and more! A particular highlight was having our very own Reagan Luck and Brynn Berry in the Parade of Champions at the Dublin Irish Festival in Dublin, Ohio this past August.

Dancers from our school also competed at the National Level as we sent a team of dancers to the North American Irish Dance Championships held in Nashville, Tennessee from July 4th-8th. We had dancers compete as a 4 hand team as well as soloists in girls, boys and traditional set categories.

With summer being festival season we of course enjoyed the sights, sounds and tastes of the Buffalo Irish Festival. Our show team had a grand time providing entertainment multiple times throughout the festival. The Buffalo Irish Dance Parents Organization would like to thank everyone who stopped by our booth to show support. We hope you enjoyed one of our delicious whiskey cakes. Proceeds from our whiskey cake sales help us provide assistance and opportunities to the dancers of Harris-Grieco, as well as support endeavors which uplift our Irish culture in Buffalo and beyond.

Harris-Grieco Academy of Irish Dance and the Buffalo Irish Dance Parents Organization presented an Irish Dance Workshop made possible by a grant from New York State and Art Services, Inc. This workshop was open to the community and we were able to introduce some first timers to the wonderful world of Irish Dance! Rachael Grieco, TCRG and Jennifer Mammoliti, TCRG were joined by special guest Scott Doherty to instruct this multi-day workshop. Crafts, refreshments and Celtic literature stations were available when hardworking feet needed a dance

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Organization hosted their 2nd Annual Celtic Christmas. Performers included Crikwater, Erie County Sheriff's Pipes & Drums and of course our favorite Irish dancers. All dancers from beginners to champs were given the opportunity to showcase their skills and they even grabbed the audience to join in on the fun! Hundreds of party-goers turned out for food, drink and merriment. Basket raffles, party games, crafts and an auction provided fun for all. It was truly an amazing event and we are so grateful to all who supported it. Events like Celtic Christmas help us share our Irish culture with the community, provide a sense of togetherness and teamwork for both kids and adults, and help raise funds for our dance team. We would also like to thank Tara Gift Shoppe for hosting a shopping fundraiser night for us!

2023 showed us we have so much to be grateful for. We look forward to 2024 and wish you and yours a very Happy New Year! Please follow us on social media for our upcoming performance schedules.

Go raibh maith agat, Athbhliain faoi mhaise dhuit! (Thank you, Happy New Year to you!)

## THE HARRIS-GRIECO ACADEMY CONT.

break. Scott brought a unique perspective as he is not only a world champion Irish dancer but also a professional mindset coach.

We rounded out the summer with a fun performance on a gorgeous August day at Cazenovia Park for the South Buffalo Irish Festival.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our very own Catherine Weber on her graduation from Niagara University. We are thrilled that Catherine has chosen to stay in the area to continue dancing with our studio. She has taken on a full time position as a lead teacher at Doodle Bugs. We would also like to acknowledge our studio's high school seniors: Sorin Abramowitz and Teagan Costello. We hope the luck of the Irish is on your side this senior year and always. We are so proud of you.

As fall arrived the fun and hard work did not slow down. Rehearsals for Mid-Atlantic Regional Oireachtas and preparations for Celtic Christmas were in full swing throughout September and October and The Academy announced that Reagan Luck and Brynn Berry will be competing

in the All Ireland Irish Dance Championships in Killarney in 2024. Thanksgiving weekend took the Harris-Grieco Team to Philadelphia for a successful and exciting Oireachtas. Dancers competed in teams, solos and traditional sets. One of many Oireachtas highlights we are thrilled to recognize: Harris-Grieco World Qualifiers Sorin Abramowitz and Brynn Berry!

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# THE DAUGHTERS OF ERIN ANSWER A REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS FROM THE SOUTH BUFFALO COMMUNITY TABLE



By Kathleen McDonald Shanahan

Spending time to service others during the Advent Season takes on a special meaning for members of the Daughters of Erin. When Mary Beth Wiles, the Director of the South Buffalo Community Table mentioned that the Community Table would be receiving a large donation from TOPs Supermarket on

Tuesday, December 19th and her regular volunteer's would need assistance, a message was sent out to the DOE to see if there were any members available to help. The answer was an overwhelming "YES". Eighteen members of the DOE arrived at the South Buffalo Community Table and worked on sorting, counting, dating, and shelving

the donated food. They also participated in food preparation for the day's meal that was being cooked as well as filling bags with toiletries, warm hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves which will be handed out to the people in need whom they serve. There is no better way to celebrate the holidays than by giving back, a mission the DOE embrace.



# FAITH HEALER BY BRIAN FRIEL

IRISH CLASSICAL THEATRE COMPANY | JANUARY 5 - 28, 2024  
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## IRISH CLASSICAL THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS BRIAN FRIEL'S FAITH HEALER - A RIVETING EXPLORATION OF BELIEF, BETRAYAL, AND REDEMPTION.

BUFFALO, NY –The Irish Classical Theatre Company is thrilled to announce its upcoming production of Faith Healer by the acclaimed Irish playwright Brian Friel. This gripping and evocative play will take center stage at The Andrews Theatre, captivating audiences with its rich storytelling, profound themes, and masterful performances.

Faith Healer is a compelling exploration of the complexities of faith, healing, and the elusive nature of truth. The play unfolds through a series of monologues of conflicting memories, each offering a different perspective on the life and work of Frank Hardy, a charismatic but enigmatic faith healer. As the characters' narratives intertwine, the audience is taken on a mesmerizing journey through the landscapes of belief, betrayal, and redemption.

Directed by ICTC's Co-Founder Josephine Hogan, this production

features an ensemble cast of ICTC favorites; Paul Todaro\* returns to The Andrews Theatre in the titular role, as Frank Hardy, joining ICTC Artistic Director Emeritus Vincent O'Neill\* as Teddy, and Margaret Massman as Grace. \*Members of Actors' Equity Association.

The creative team includes Spencer Dick (Scenic Designer); Vivian Del Bello (Costume Designer); Jayson Clark (Lighting Designer); Tom Makar (Sound Designer); Susan Drozd (Hair & Makeup Designer); Amber Greer (Props Designer); Megan Callahan (Dialect & Speech Coach); Katherine Boswell (Dramaturg); Ryan Wilkie (Production Stage Manager); and Rebecca Ostrander (Assistant Stage Manager).

"Faith Healer is a haunting memory play consisting of four intriguing monologues about art, shifting perspectives, love, life, and death," says Director, Josephine Hogan. "All three characters have their own perception of reality, shaped from disturbing shared experiences. This powerful stage mystery leaves the audience to make their own decision as to who is telling the truth in these three refracted versions."

Faith Healer will be performing Friday, January 5, 2024 through Sunday, January 28, 2024. Curtain times are 7:30pm for Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays; 3pm Saturday Matinees; and 2pm Sundays. Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased online at [www.irishclassical.com](http://www.irishclassical.com), by phone at 716-853-4282 or in person at the ICTC Box Office. See Box Office hours on ICTC's website.



# TASTE OF IRELAND

The taste of Ireland show performed at Rockwell hall in December to a sold out audience. The show was choreographed by Australian Irish dance teachers, Ceili Moore and Brent Pace and featured singers, musicians and dancers from all over the world.



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Thank you to Dennis Brady for donating several frames to the Buffalo Irish Center. The frames present the Journey of the Irish Diaspora. Dublin native Pat Waters presents this story in these frames. Pat presented at the Buffalo Irish Center in September 2014 about the 1916 Easter Uprising. Please check them out next time you are in the Center.



Erik Bohlen, GAAA Board consultant, along with NYS Assembly Member Patrick Burke, toured the Adam Mickiewicz Library and Dramatic Circle. Mr. Bohlen and Mr. Burke discussed how Buffalo's oldest Polish organization partnered with a local theatre company to expand their services and take advantage of state grant funding.

Pictured with Mr. Bohlen and Mr. Burke are Dan Shanahan and Aniela Baj Thant. We look forward to having them next at the Buffalo Irish Center!



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Floyd is hard at work every Wednesday night behind the bar and almost any day or night you can find him anywhere in the Buffalo Irish Center helping.

Photo by Mike Shriver

Some of the earliest Irish settlers in Buffalo literally shoveled their way through New York State to get to and make Buffalo the largest inland port through the creation of the Erie Canal (1817-1825). Our lighthouse stands near the original western terminus of the Erie Canal. The canal also made it fairly easy for the next wave of Irish—the Famine Irish—to find their way to Buffalo. They arrived with nothing and, having no prospects, made their homes on a low and sandy spit of land that was created by the accumulation of sand along the seawall. They built shanties and fished the river and lake. Finding work on ships and in the grain

elevators, and as construction workers, they built better houses, rowing clubs, and saloons... on the “beach”. The last of the beachers was evicted in the 1930s. The area is now known as Times Beach. It is directly south of the lighthouse. We celebrate those who struggled and fought to make a life in this city.

Help us continue the celebration and commemoration at the 2024 CCE North American Provincial Convention at the beautiful Buffalo Hyatt Regency. The Hyatt is located right in the heart of our city’s downtown yet is only 20 minutes from the airport and easy





**APRIL 4-7, 2024 WILL BE THE TIME TO SHUFFLE OFF TO BUFFALO FOR THE 2024 NORTH AMERICA PROVINCIAL CONVENTION!**

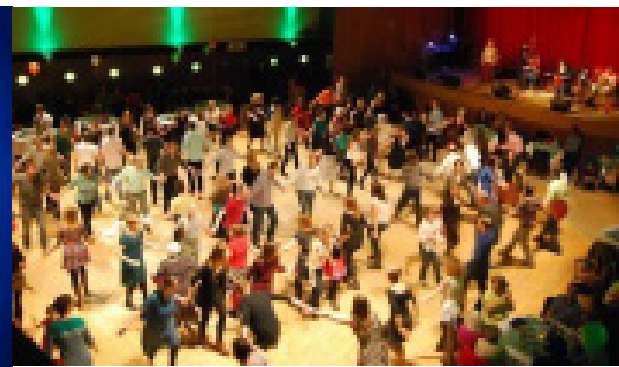
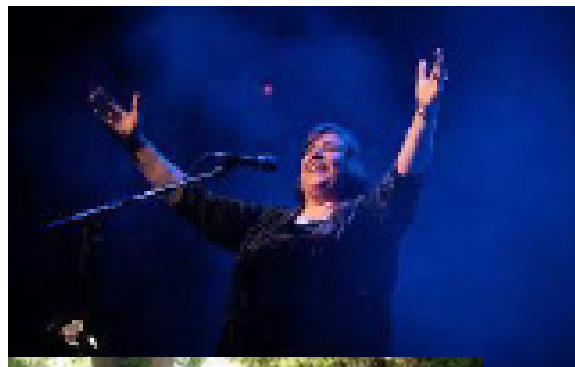
We will get things rolling Thursday night with a four-hour ceili featuring the ever-energetic John Ryan's Drumlin Ceili Band!

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There is also a youth program with workshops and activities led by our provincial youth officer Ryan Ward!

The star-studded event highlight is the Saturday night banquet featuring "The Irish and The Erie", and the Joanie Madden All- Stars.

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(see the lights!) and Friday afternoon bus trips.

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Meet John. John started at the Buffalo Irish Center in 2012. John started coming to the Buffalo Irish Center regularly back in 1994 when his daughter started Irish dancing. He quickly realized the value of the Buffalo Irish Center to the community and he started volunteering at BINGO and other community events. John became an employee at the Buffalo Irish Center in 2012. Since 2012 John has played an integral part in managing fish fry Friday's, seasonal kitchen menu. John also bartends helping organize all events on Thursday nights. Thank you John for and banquets held at the Irish your decades of dedication to the Buffalo Center, and engineering the Irish Center.



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Meet Nora. Nora started Irish dancing at the BIC when she was three years old, and couldn't stay away. Nora is a teacher by day, but joined the BIC team in March of 2017. You can find her helping in the kitchen, serving, and bartending whenever she is needed. Nora works every Friday night, and starting this week Wednesday nights too. Say hello next time you are at the Buffalo Irish Center!



## THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN IS...FROM IRELAND?

The classic tale "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" was written by American author Washington Irving. It was part of his 1820 collection of essays and short stories titled "The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent."

It's among the earliest examples of American fiction, and has become an indelible story told around Halloween. The villain, The Headless Horseman, is a Hessian (German) soldier whose head was shot off by a stray cannonball during the American Revolutionary War. He returns nightly searching for his head, as was the case on a fateful night in 1790 within Sleepy Hollow, a glen near Tarrytown, NY.

The story's inspiration comes from headless horsemen who wandered Ireland in ancient times. It's a tale Washington Irving heard while living in Birmingham, England...which is where he wrote Sleepy Hollow!

The Irish version tells of Crom Cruach, a fertility god. Also known as Crom Cróich, Cenn Cruach/ Cróich and Cenncroithi, it offered good yields of milk and grain to its worshippers, in exchange for first-born sacrifices. His most known cruelty came when he brutally decapitated ancient King Tigernmas and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of his entire army – and they worshiped him! Crom Cruach's worshippers were always required to honor their debts or promises, and were punished if they did not. Many of his victims became his undead servants, Dullahans (dark men), traveling Irish roads by horse and carrying whips made of human bones.

His worship ended in the 6th century when Christianity came to Ireland and old traditions went out of favor. It's also said Saint Patrick himself defeated Crom Cruach, destroying all the cult images with a sledgehammer. Crom Cruach, angered by his defeat, used his diminished powers to transform into a physical being, that of a headless Dullahan. He relishes in punishing the very humans that did him in. He, and his undead army, seek out those

doomed to die. When found, he speaks their name and they drop dead, carried away to whatever fate awaits them. He rides through Ireland on a horse (or a coach with a team of horses) and has a whip made of a human spine. He can see great distances, rides so fast nearby items catch on fire, he can pass through all gates – even locked, and cannot be outrun. The Dullahan carries his head under his arm, and his face is decayed and smells similar to moldy cheese...a scent so vial you can smell his arrival.

If you see the Dullahan, avert your eyes! For he does not like people watching him work- and could seek vengeance by coming after you. He'll use his whip to rip out your eyes, or worse add you to his kill list. The only thing that will slow him down is an object of purest gold, for he cannot pass even a pin's worth of the stuff.

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## UPCOMING BUFFALO IRISH FESTIVAL EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at the Buffalo Irish Festival! We hope that however you celebrate this time of year, that you have a wonderful and peaceful time with friends and family.

There are many exciting things planned for 2024. Save the date for the following events.

- Buffalo Irish Festival Meat Raffle on Friday, February 2 at the Buffalo Irish Center. Tickets are \$15 per person or a table of 10 for \$125. More info to come.
- Buffalo Irish Festival Raffle Party on Saturday, April 20. Tickets will be on sale soon.

Want to help make the Buffalo Irish Festival happen? Join our all-volunteer crew! Organizational meetings take place at the Buffalo Irish Center at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of every month beginning on January 24th. All are welcome.

Stay up to date on the latest Buffalo Irish Festival announcements by visiting [www.buffaloirishfestival.com](http://www.buffaloirishfestival.com), following us on Facebook @BuffaloIrishFestival and Instagram @festivalbuffaloirish.

Questions? Email [Info@buffaloirishfestival.com](mailto:Info@buffaloirishfestival.com).



The Buffalo Irish Center is proud to announce that South Buffalo native, Mike Fitzpatrick, has joined our team. Buffalo friends and family found their home away from home in Midtown Manhattan's Historic Rosie O'Grady's, where they could find Fitzpatrick behind the bar. Mike was always happy to greet a familiar face, and hear a good story from home. We look forward to having Mike right here in our own backyard, at Buffalo's Historic Irish Center. Slainte!



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# BUFFALO ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The United Irish American Association and its members would like to wish everyone a Happy Holidays and prosperous New Year.

We are pleased to share we are hard at work planning the 2024 Buffalo St. Patrick's Day Parade and are looking forward to another great event on March 17th.

We are also excited to announce that we have added 2 new members to the committee. Keeping the tradition going is an important part of what we do and adding new, younger members help us keep that tradition, as well as bring new and exciting ideas to this time-honored institution. Thanks to their prior support around the parade and our yearlong efforts, we are happy to congratulate Patrick Wannemacher and TJ Masterson.

They will hit the ground running in as we start our weekly planning meetings in January.

To all those looking to join the march down Delaware Ave in celebration of St Patrick



and our Irish culture, please go to our webpage and get all the details.

<https://www.buffalostpatricksdaysparade.com/index.html>

Thanks to all who have supported this volunteer effort with you time and donations. We can not do this without your continued support.

We hope to make the 2024 parade the best one yet.

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Your UIAA Committee Members



## Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

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# RINCE NA TIARNA IRISH DANCE

A Fantastic Fall was had by All!

Rince Na Tiarna is still basking in the results of one of our most successful oireachtasii to date! The school entered 61 solo dancers from age six - adult, and 54 were recalled and placed in the final round. Rince Na Tiarna entered 46 teams, consisting of 4 hands, 6 hands and 8 hands and 42 teams placed. Not only did RNT win several of the team competitions, many of them placed in the top 5! Special shout out to our Under 8 four hand teams that placed 2nd and 4th in a competition of roughly 30 teams! Our traditional set dancers, all 29 of them, did teachers and parents proud with their results! The future is very bright at Rince Na Tiarna.

Some highlights of this world qualifying event are as follows:

Solos:

1st Place--Ellie Pecor GU15

1st Place--Sean Ryan BU12

2nd Place--Madison Pennington GU16

2nd Place--Lochlan Davis BU13

2nd Place--Vivian Conti GU10

3rd Place--Addison Gerhardt GU13

5th Place--Hannah Herbert GU11

9th Place--Emerie Ficorilli GU17

11th Place--Kylee Chapin GU17

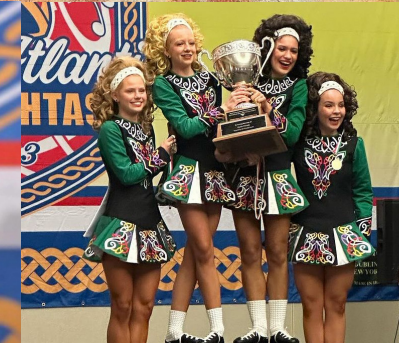
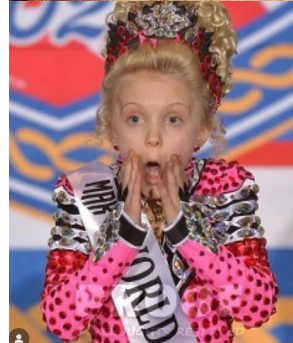
11th Place--Brigid Gannon GU19

12th Place--Morgan Williams GU19

15th Place--Mila Kopacz--GU15

Of course, the real stars are the parents who supported their dancers, drove them to classes, got them ready to compete and were there for all oireachtas shenanigans! From costumes mistakenly going on a world tour and arriving in the nick of time, to sewing emergencies, shoelace crisis and more, the parents rocked it! We are thrilled to have so many dancers qualify for the World Championships, which will be held over Easter

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in Glasgow, Scotland. Special thank you to the Tara Gift Shoppe and Spruce stores for hosting shopping nights to help defray the cost of competitions. With so many dancers headed to the World Championships, we are very grateful for the support!

As we settled into the month of December, the dancers and families were excited to be part of the Irish Center decorating team to make the building festive for the coming season. Families were also excited to attend our 35th Annual Christmas Party. Dancers and friends were thrilled to make crafts for our families, cards for local senior centers and collect non-perishables for Buffalo City Mission. Each year the school picks a charity/cause to work with as we know how blessed we are and RNT loves giving back to our community.

RNT families also attended the "Taste of Ireland-Celtic Christmas" show at Rockwell Hall where they had a special "meet and greet" with dancers from all over the world. Many of the dancers in the show are long time friends of Mary Kay's, or danced in other professional touring groups with Erin Lynch and Kevinah Dargan, which made the event that much more special.

The school's annual Pub Night will take place on January 19, 2024. Our cash raffle drawing will take place that evening with a top prize of \$1000 and 24 other chances to win cash!! Please come join us at the Irish Center that evening, or contact us to buy one of our raffle tickets ahead of time. You don't need to be in attendance to win!

Finally, as the "high holy days" of St Patrick approach, the school is busy booking performances throughout WNY. If you are interested in a performance, feel free to reach out to us [rincenatiarna@gmail.com](mailto:rincenatiarna@gmail.com) or [www.irishdancewny.com](http://www.irishdancewny.com) Look for information on our Winter mini-sessions for kids and adults, we would love for you to "get jiggy" with RNT.



Meet TJ Masterson, Jr. TJ has been bartending at the Buffalo Irish Center since 2003 and currently works Tuesday nights for cornhole and trivia. He also works on Sunday for Bills games. He is a valued part of our team. Come in and say hello!



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