

2022 PEORIA IRISH FEST

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A HUNDRED THOUSAND WELCOMES TO



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HOURS

Friday, Aug. 26

4 PM – 11:30 PM

Saturday, Aug. 27

12 PM – 11 PM

Sunday, Aug. 28

9:30 AM* – 6 PM

* Early start for Mass; performances at noon.

ADMISSION

Adults

\$13 Single Day Pass

\$30 3-Day Event Pass

\$5 Sunday Happy Hour
2PM – Close

Kids 12 & Under

Free when accompanied
by an adult

Military Discount

\$5 for Active or Retired
Vets and guest.

Proof of service required.

FREE ADMISSION

Friday 4 PM – 5 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM – 11 AM with food donation, or all day if you wear a kilt!

PURCHASES ON THE GROUNDS

Credit cards, cash and debit cards are accepted at Peoria Irish Fest front gate, bars and Merchandise Tent. Pay vendors directly.

You **MUST** have a wristband to purchase alcohol; wristbands can be obtained at ID Check, near the main gate.



DISCOVER



THE PUBS OF PEORIA IRISH FEST

Pubs in Ireland are unique and hold a special place in the lives of the average person. Most small villages have one or two at the most, but the pub is their community center, banquet hall, and public meeting space. It's where they celebrate baptisms, weddings, anniversaries – every aspect of daily life. They are family places, where families gather for meals. The style, size and décor vary, but they are all “safe” places for the community.

VINCE'S WHISKEY TERRACE is our newest venue, perched on the third floor/terrace of the Gateway Building. You can enjoy your favorite Irish whiskey served the way you like it, while music from a nearby Irish pub wafts on the breeze. It's a place to get away to, without going very far away at all. Vince's offers no beer, wine or other adult beverages. Named in honor of Vince Coleman, our fest's first Beverage Manager and active member of Peoria's Irish community.

O'NEILL'S PUB is the oldest pub at our fest, where you can find Irish (and other) beers and hard cider, but no hard alcohol. It has a stage for live music, a stand-up bar and stand-up tables, and chairs/tables to sit and enjoy the entertainment. Look for the O'Neill Trucking Company history hanging on the wall. Entertainment ranges from small trad groups to a full stage of raucous performers. The craic is mighty, as everyone knows everyone – or is about to! Most of the bartenders have been volunteering at O'Neill's for years. A couple of shifts see every volunteer job filled by one family having fun helping others have fun. This is the pub to be seen in.

You'll notice we store our emptied kegs outside the pub, as they do in Ireland. They do it for space considerations, but we do it to advertise how much fun you'll have here!



THE SNUG is our attempt to recreate that special place in old pubs in Ireland. A room off the end of the bar designated for the ladies, from back in the day when their presence in the “main bar” was frowned upon. The Snug is small compared to our other pubs, seating about 50 at small round tables before a small stage. It is intended to be a casual space for talk, storytelling and acoustic music. And this year, workshops (details elsewhere in this program)! A complete line of beverages is available, including Irish whiskey. Get there early, because it's very popular!

MALANAPHY'S PUB opened in 2014 with a rich oak bar, a tall back bar and a huge mirror. It's a “stand up” bar with no chairs inside the tent, but outside is a “beer garden” with white fences and picnic tables. It has no stage, but placed between so much action – it's between the North Stage, the Sports Field and the Food Court – it offers an expansive view of the grounds and is a place to relax with a drink and an old (or new) friend. A complete line of beverages is available, including Irish whiskey.

HANEY'S PUB is located just outside the North Tent, and is an excellent place to see and hear the bands on our main stage. It's a “stand up” bar with no seats, but it's location next to the river makes it especially enjoyable. Many beverages are available here, but no Irish whiskey.

ENTERTAINMENT HIGHLIGHTS

A Celtic life is filled with music, and we have an outstanding line up this year of bands based in the US. While the pandemic kept many of our friends from Ireland, Scotland and Canada from touring here this summer, several internationals live in the States. The types of music range from traditional Irish to Americana to bluegrass and more! If you like the traditional music, head for the Snug. If you like things to start slow but really get rocking in the evening, the North Stage is the place to be. And if you just want to hear some oldies and modern Irish music, and enjoy the fun of an Irish pub, O'Neill's is the place.

There's nothing else quite like Irish dance. The English made dancing in Ireland illegal, back in the day. They defined dancing as jumping up and down and waving your arms and hands around. Well, that was no challenge to the Irish. Step dancers do not move their hands from their side, which requires excellent conditioning. Scottish dancers were not limited by the same English rule. Our Dance Stage is located by The Snug, where we have Irish Dance schools, Scottish Dance schools and guest dancers performing. **Wee Ones are especially invited to take part in the guest performances on Saturday at 6:30 PM and Sunday at 4:30 PM.**

The Hedge School is the place many Irish learned their history and language. In the "dark days" it was illegal to learn Gaelic, the history of Ireland, or its culture. Teachers and priests, under the threat of being hanged if caught, held secret classes in the hedge rows along the road. Our Hedge School (located near the Main Gate) is a place to learn about culture – in safety! During the day, stop by to hear about *Travelling in Ireland* from James Trearty of Donegal, Ireland. Understand the Highland Games rules by sitting in for *Gaelic Games Discussions*. And you won't want to miss the stories of the Irish Wake or the Ghost stories from our own Seannachie.

The Highland Games were first recorded during the reign of Scotland's King Malcolm III, who began ruling in 1031 (he was seeking the fastest runner in Scotland to be his Royal Messenger). **Peoria Irish Fest guests are invited to try them on Saturday – no charge! Sign up near the Sports Field.** You may not set international records, but friendly bragging rights are up for grabs. You do not have to wear a kilt, but you can suit up with the help of a Grafton Street vendor. There is Braemar and Open stone, caber toss (telephone pole) the sheaf (straw bale) with a pitchfork and heavy weight tossing. On Sunday, the competition between the Irish and the Scots gets serious!



FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

"THE GATHERING"



"The Gathering" (Friday) celebrates the arrival of folks from all corners of the land. Our Friday is an opportunity for volunteers, sponsors, entertainers, and guests to become reacquainted.

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

North Stage

6 PM - The Byrne Brothers

8 PM - The Screaming Orphans

10 PM - The Narrowbacks

The Snug

4:30 PM - Still Shine

6:30 PM - Broken Brogue

8:30 PM - Adam & Jon

O'Neill's Irish Pub

5:30 PM - Kennedy's Kitchen

7:30 PM - Paddy Homan and the Noble Call

9:30 PM - Cassie and Maggie

Hedge School/ Fountain Stage

6 PM - Travelling in Ireland with James Trearty

7 PM - The Irish Wake with Cathy Jo

8 PM - Irish Ghost Stories with Fox Ellis

Tasting Room

7 PM - Irish whiskey



NEW THIS YEAR

KIDS WORKSHOPS: Kids and the young at heart are welcome to our new hands-on workshops teaching Irish dance and Irish music. Our skilled instructors will introduce basic dance steps, songs, and instruments to help get you started on your Irish musical journey! Saturday afternoon only, 45-minute sessions, at the Fountain Stage by the entrance. Space and materials may be limited, so get there early.

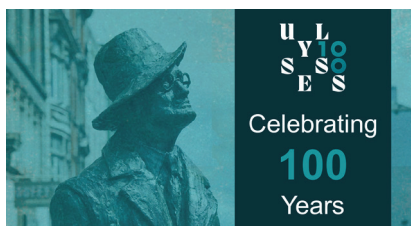
WARD IRISH MUSIC ARCHIVE: We are excited to have an exhibit from Ward Music Archives – *The Irish in Film*. This exhibit examines the Irish and Irish American contributions to the art of film.

ARTIST WORKSHOPS: The Peoria Irish Fest is well known for performer access. Seating is close to the stages, and your favorite performers are often seen wandering along the riverfront (be sure to say hello!). But workshops raise musician interactions to a whole new level. Whether it's simply a headliner performing "unplugged," a group engaging you in descriptions and histories behind the songs, or something entirely unexpected, artist workshops are destined to become a fest highlight! Saturday afternoon only, in The Snug. See that day's schedule for details.

SPECIAL DANCERS: Dancers add a certain flair to every Irish Fest, and ours is no exception. This year, in addition to our lineup of local dance schools, you can enjoy the spirited steps from guest performers. The Byrne Brothers – both outstanding musical performers – will also bring their tapping toes to the Dance Stage! And don't miss Danielle Enblom, an energetic sean nós dancer. Meaning "old style" in the Irish language, the sean nós style predates Irish step dance. See the Dance Stage schedules for times.

IRISH CONSULATE EXHIBITS: Our friends at Chicago's Irish Consulate have kindly loaned us a two fascinating exhibits:

- *James Joyce* – This exhibit will look at his life and work as we celebrate the 100-year anniversary of one of his most popular books, *Ulysses*.



- *Conradh na Gaeilge* – This exhibit focuses on the revival of the Irish language.

SEANNACHIE: A traditional Gaelic storyteller/historian, the *SHAWN*-uh-kee used storytelling conventions, styles of speech and gestures unique to the Irish folk tradition. Histories and stories were passed from one practitioner to another without ever being written down. This year, enjoy Irish ghost stories from our own storyteller – Brian "Fox" Ellis. He has studied with traditional Celtic storytellers, performed on the British Isles, and has written books and musical theater about the influence of the Irish in America.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

“THE DAY”

“The Day” (Saturday) is devoted to the celebration of local saints, clan marriages and births, sporting events, and folk rituals. Our Saturday is a celebration of Irish music, cultural and sporting events.

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

North Stage

- 1 PM – Turas
- 3 PM – The Byrne Brothers
- 5 PM – Paddy Homan and the Noble Call
- 7 PM – Cherish the Ladies
- 9 PM – The Narrowbacks

The Snug

- 12 PM – Workshop: Kennedy’s Kitchen
- 1:10 PM – Workshop: Adam & Jon
- 2:20 PM – Workshop: Cassie and Maggie
- 3:30 PM – Workshop: Cherish the Ladies
- 4:40 PM – Workshop: The Narrowbacks
- 6:15 PM – Kennedy’s Kitchen
- 8:15 PM – The McDowell’s

Dance Stage

- 12:30 PM – Central Illinois Irish Dancers
- 1:30 PM – St. Andrew Society Highland Dancers
- 2:30 PM – Central Illinois Irish Dancers
- 3:30 PM – St. Andrew Society Highland Dancers
- 4:30 PM – Flynn School of Irish Dance
- 5:30 PM – Danielle Enblom: Sean Nós Dance
- 6:30 PM – Dance Workshop: The Byrne Brothers

Tasting Room

- 5 PM – Irish whiskey
- 7 PM – Irish whiskey

O’Neill’s Irish Pub

- 12:30 PM – Skibbereen
- 2:30 PM – The Roundstone Buskers
- 4:30 PM – Adam & Jon
- 6:30 PM – Cassie and Maggie
- 8:30 PM – Paddy Homan and the Noble Call

Sports Field

- 12 – 5 PM – Exhibition
- Public Invited to Try!*
- Braemar Stone / Open Stone
- Heavy Weight for Distance
- Light Weight for Distance
- Caber Toss & Sheaf Toss
- Weight Over Bar

Wee Ones Area

- 12 – 5 PM – Bradley Chemistry Club demonstrations
- 12 – 5 PM – Pick up “On Your Own” goodie bags

Hedge School/ Fountain Stage

Wee Ones Workshops

- 1 PM – Learn Irish Music
- 2 PM – Learn Irish Dancing
- 3 PM – Learn Irish Sean Nós (traditional) Dancing
- 4 PM – Learn to Play Bodhrán (Irish drum) & more

Hedge School Classes

- 5 PM – Travelling in Ireland with James Trearty
- 6 PM – Gaelic Games with Steve Tippet
- 7 PM – The Irish Wake with Cathy Jo
- 8 PM – Irish Ghost Stories with Fox Ellis

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

"THE SCATTERING"

"The Scattering" (Sunday) celebrates the parting. On Sunday, entertainers will join together at 6 PM at the North Stage for a farewell to Peoria Irish Fest 2022.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Liturgy for Peace and Justice: The Catholic Diocese of Peoria will celebrate the Peoria Irish Fest Annual Liturgy for Peace & Justice at the North Stage. Music will begin at 10 AM, followed by the service at 10:30 AM

Anyone donating non-perishable food items PRIOR to the services will receive free entry.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

North Stage

10:30 AM – Catholic Mass
12:15 PM – The Byrne Brothers
2:15 PM – The Narrowbacks
4:15 PM – Cherish the Ladies
6 PM – The Scattering

O'Neill's Irish Pub

12 PM – Bogside Zukes
2 PM – Paddy Homan and the Noble Call
4 PM – Kennedy's Kitchen

Sports Field

12 – 5 PM – Official Competition
Ireland vs. Scotland

- Braemar Stone / Open Stone
- Heavy Weight for Distance
- Light Weight for Distance
- Caber Toss & Sheaf Toss
- Weight Over Bar

Dance Stage

12:30 PM – Flynn School of Irish Dance
1:30 PM – Thistle and Heather Highland Dancers
2:30 PM – Danielle Enblom – Sean Níos Dance/Workshop
3:30 PM – Thistle and Heather Highland Dancers
4:30 PM – Rachel Auperle – Cèilidh

The Snug

12 PM – Irish Storyteller
1:30 PM – Cassie and Maggie
3:30 PM – Adam & Jon

Wee Ones Area

12 – 5 PM – Pick up "On Your Own" goodie bags

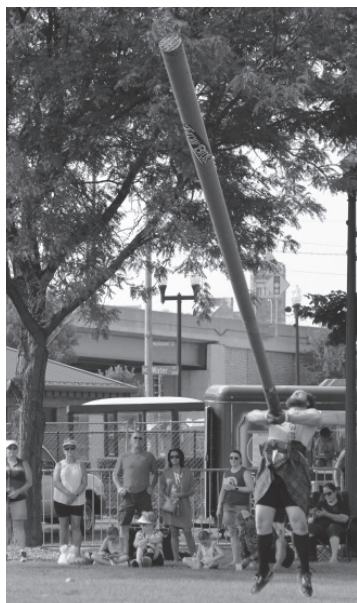
Hedge School/ Fountain Stage

1 PM – Travelling in Ireland with James Trearty
2 PM – Irish Storyteller
3 PM – Gaelic Games with Steve Tippet
4 PM – Travelling in Ireland with James Trearty

HAPPY HOUR 5K



The Fifth Annual Happy Hour 5K will be held on Friday at 6 PM and ends at the Sports Field. Proceeds from this year's race will go to the Stacey Tomczyk Fund for Local Programming at the local PBS station, WTVP. Stacey was a great friend of our fest and the Peoria Irish community. It is our honor to remember her this way.



Relive the Irish Fest all year, with T-shirts, beer mugs, CDs and more! Find them all at the **Irish Fest Merchandise Tent** located under the bridge, near the river.

Closes at least 1 hour before Fest closes each night.

From time to time, photos and videos will be taken of merchants, entertainers, patrons and other guests of Peoria Irish Fest - Erin Feis. Peoria Irish Fest - Erin Feis reserves the right to use these photos for news releases, its website, Facebook, Twitter, and other publications. By attending this event, you agree to the use of your photo in promotional material.



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CREATE A LEGACY

Remember the Peoria Irish Fest in your charitable gift giving or estate plans. As a 501(c)3 organization, the St. Patrick Society of Peoria can work with you to make a lasting impact on our event. Call John Martin at (309) 692-8937 or complete the Contact Us form on our website to begin discussions.

A SPECIAL THANKS

... to the hundreds of volunteers who freely gave their time and talent. Without their efforts, **Peoria Irish Fest - Erin Feis** would not have grown into the largest Irish festival in downstate Illinois.

To volunteer for 2023, send an email to PeoriaIrishFestVolunteer@gmail.com, and we'll be in touch before next year's fest. We have volunteer opportunities for those 16 years and over.

