# RISH CULTURAL CENTRE WELCOMES SPRING

or a quarter century now, the Irish Cultural Centre of Greater Boston in Canton has been New England's leading headquarters for Irish culture, sports and education. Located just 10 miles from Boston, the 61 acre year-round facility in Canton welcomes local residents and visitors who share a common love for Irish culture, sports and conviviality.

On March 3 the Centre holds its 5th Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the UMass Club in Boston, where they present Eithne & Colin Bell with the annual 'Gradam Dóchais' for their outstanding charity work.

The cultural celebrations at the Centre itself are legendary. In March, performers include all-woman ensemble Cherish the Ladies from the Bronx, Irish tenor, Paul Byrom from Dublin, Galway's own Seán Keane, Sina Theil from Germany and

male folk quartet Onóir from Donegal, plus entertainer Paddy Cullivan's one-man show on a united Ireland. The St. Patrick's Day Family Weekend Celebration on March 14-17 offers fun and games for children including face painting and Celtic crafts. Step dancing displays, continuous live music, vendors and authentic Irish food make this weekend a big draw, so make your reservations early.

In April, two amazing groups are coming to the Centre direct from Ireland. On April 17, the Centre welcomes the Odyssey Trio - Tara Breen, Pádraig Rynne and Jim Murray, and on April 25, Ireland's Young Musician of the Year in 2022, Diarmuid Ó Meachair, a master of the accordion and sean nós singing. Also in April the Rose of Tralee local selections are taking place along with Easter celebrations. In May, sports leagues

come alive at the Centre's state-of-the-art playing fields, featuring the Gaelic Athletic Association, the Irish Sports Youth League, and the Boston Irish Wolfhounds rugby team.

Throughout the year, the Centre offers weekly Irish dancing and live Irish music sessions, and there are plenty of educational programs, sporting events and family activities for all to enjoy. The onsite ICC pub has a terrific menu of Irish and America fare, plus choice stouts, craft beers and Irish whiskey. When you visit, check out the authentic Irish cottage on the grounds, and spend some time in the ICC library. You'll appreciate all that the Irish Cultural Centre has done to keep the Irish community vibrant in New England.

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# The Irish Cultural Centre of Greater Boston

# **MARCH**

#### March 3

St. Patrick's Celebrations in Boston

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Set Dancing

#### March 8

Paddy Cullivan: "I Can't Believe It's Not Ireland"

#### March 13

Sina Theil Concert

# March 14-17:

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations Music, Dance, Crafts, Vendors

#### March 22

Paul Byrom: Isle of Hope Tour

# March 28

Seán Keane Concert

## **APRIL**

# April 6 & May 4

Irish-American Country Social Dancing

#### April 12

Easter Egg Hunt & Family Fun Day

# April 17

**Odyssey Concert** 

#### April 25

Diarmuid Ó Meachair Concert

## April 27

Afternoon Tea & Fashion Show

# Sold Out Concerts:

March 9: Onóir

March 4: Cherish the Ladies



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