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**music, food, dance
the best craic in town!**

HARRIET ISLAND | ST. PAUL, MN

AUGUST 9-11, 2024



Welcome to the 2024 Irish Fair of Minnesota!

Here in the heart of St. Paul, Minnesota, we gather to fulfill our mission to celebrate and educate on Irish culture, creating a community of belonging for all to enjoy. For 44 years, the Irish Fair of Minnesota has kept a warm, peat-fire burning to honor the old and new traditions of music, dance, sports, food, drink and stories that connect Minnesota to Ireland. In a year when we've witnessed the ending of so many great outdoor festivals, we are proud to continue to offer this celebration to you.

This annual festival is a product of an enormous collective effort and community love. We owe its existence to many committed hearts and hands. With deep appreciation, we thank our board members, dedicated area managers, the countless volunteers, generous sponsors, grantors, cherished partners, the City of St Paul and the State of Minnesota. Your support is the foundation of this event. A heartfelt thanks to our exceptional event management team, Sarah Van Sickle and Adam Coolong, whose hard work and dedication all year round make this celebration possible.

We are proud to honor Norah Rendell as the recipient of the 2023 Curtin-Conway Award. Norah is the Executive Artistic Director at the Center for Irish Music in St. Paul. Her energy, hard work, and vision for handing down Irish music traditions has impacted thousands of people in Minnesota and across the world. The Curtin-Conway Award is presented annually to individuals who have made significant contributions to the promotion of Irish culture. We thank you, Norah, for your positive impact on our community.

The Irish Fair of Minnesota is a 501^c3 non-profit cultural organization. If you like what you experience this weekend, we welcome you to be a part of it! New volunteers and donors always welcome. Enjoy the fair!

Sláinte!
Tom Whelan | Board Chair



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FRIDAY AUGUST 9, 2024

Main Stage

4:00 PM	Release the Craicen
5:30 PM	The Jeremiahs
7:00 PM	Wild Colonial Bhoys
8:30 PM	Skerryvore

Irish on Grand Stage inside Cub Pub

4:00 PM	Celtic Phoenix Theater
5:15 PM	Rince na Gréine Irish Dance
6:15 PM	North Star Irish Dance
7:15 PM	Onorach Mulhern Geraghty School of Irish Dance
8:30 PM	Craic'd Up, an Irish Comedy Hour (18+)

Celtic Junction Arts Center Stage inside Guinness Pub

4:30 PM	Donegal
5:30 PM	Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band of St. Paul
6:00 PM	Mooncoin Ceili Dancers
6:00 PM	Reverie Road Ceili Dance featuring Mooncoin Ceili Dancers
8:00 PM	Jig Jam
9:30 PM	The Northerly Gales 10th Anniversary Party

Entrance Stage sponsored by Aer Lingus

3:45 PM	The Center for Irish Music - Open Sky
4:45 PM	Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band of St. Paul
5:15 PM	Gus the Bardic Troubador
6:45 PM	Kindred Crescent
8:00 PM	Bundle and Go

River Stage sponsored by Cara Irish Pubs

4:00 PM	A Deep Dive Into Your Ancestry: Create a Family History Timeline with Rita Davern. Presented by CJAC
5:15 PM	The Center for Irish Music - An Luan
6:45 PM	Gaeltacht Minnesota
8:00 PM	Legacy

Croke Park

6:30 PM	Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band of St. Paul
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Pavilion Stage sponsored by Ireland Network MN

4:00 PM	Games, Crafts, and Fun for All Ages. Available all evening - back patio
5:00 PM	Learn to Irish Dance with North Star Irish Dance - back patio
6:00 PM	Irish Traditional Session with Dave and Suzanne Rhees - Everyone Welcome to Participate! - indoor stage

Boxing Ring sponsored by Saint Patrick's Association + Rice Street Old School Boxing

4:00 PM	Meet & Greet with Boxing Legends
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VIP Ticket Holders Only, in Pavilion

5:30 PM	Meet and Greet: Wild Colonial Bhoys
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SATURDAY AUGUST 10, 2024

Main Stage

10:00 AM	The Center for Irish Music - Youth Ensemble
11:00 AM	The Inland Seas
12:00-01 PM	Moment of Silence to Honor those We Have Lost
12:01 PM	Opening Ceremony
1:00 PM	Reverie Road
3:00 PM	The Jeremiahs
4:30 PM	Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band of St. Paul
5:00 PM	Jig Jam
7:00 PM	The Byrne Brothers
8:30 PM	Skerryvore

Irish on Grand Stage *inside Cub Pub*

10:15 AM	Green Fire Irish Dancers
11:00 AM	Shamrock School of Irish Step Dance
12:15 PM	Irish Diplomacy
1:30 PM	O'Shea Irish Dance
2:45 PM	Rince na Chroi Irish Dancers
4:00 PM	Hudson Irish Dance Academy
5:30 PM	Todd Menton
7:00 PM	Hounds of Finn
8:00 PM	Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band of St. Paul
8:30 PM	Craic'd Up, an Irish Comedy Hour (18+)
10:00 PM	Rattle and Hum

Celtic Junction Arts Center Stage *inside Guinness Pub*

10:00 AM	The Eddies
11:30 AM	Twin Cities Ceili Band Ceili Dance - Featuring Knocknagow Irish Dancers
1:45 PM	Keeper's Heart Presentation
2:30 PM	The Eddies: Sea Shanty Sing Along
4:15 PM	Irish Toast Competition
5:00 PM	The Sweet Colleens
6:00 PM	Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band of St. Paul
6:30 PM	Paddy Wagon
8:00 PM	Tim Malloys
9:30 PM	Wild Colonial Bhoys

Entrance Stage sponsored by *Aer Lingus*

10:00 AM	River City Rovers
10:45 AM	Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band of St. Paul
11:15 AM	Fiddle and Flannels
12:15 PM	The Careys

1:45 PM	Gus the Bardic Troubador
2:30 PM	Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band of St. Paul
3:00 PM	Lojo Russo
4:30 PM	Dunquin
6:00 PM	Dórain
7:30 PM	The Center for Irish Music - Youth Ensemble

River Stage sponsored by *Cara Irish Pubs*

10:00 AM	Ireland's Famine Museums with Jane Kennedy. Presented by CJAC
11:00 AM	Irish Genealogical Society International (IGSI)
12:01 PM	The Center for Irish Music - Youth Ensemble
1:00 PM	Workshop with The Jeremiahs
2:00 PM	Stephanie Clausen, Harp
3:30 PM	Mná Fiddlers
4:30 PM	Bloomsday: a Celebration of James Joyce
5:30 PM	Irish Knitting 101 with Christine Anderson
6:30 PM	History of Gaelic Games (Ireland & Minnesota) with the Twin Cities Robert Emmets Hurling & Camogie Club
7:30 PM	Brehon Law: Ireland's Indigenous Law system with Mary McCormick. Presented by CJAC
8:30 PM	Irish Singing Session with Todd Menton - Everyone Welcome to Participate!

Croke Park

10:45 AM	Sheep Herding Demonstration
11:15 AM	Hurling with Twin Cities Robert Emmets Hurling & Camogie Club
12:01 PM	Hurling + Camogie for Kids with Twin Cities Robert Emmets Hurling & Camogie Club
1:00 PM	Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band of St. Paul
1:30 PM	Native Dog Showcase
2:00 PM	Li'l Spud Run
2:30 PM	Zero K
3:00 PM	Soccer
6:15 PM	Rugby

Pavilion Stage sponsored by *Ireland Network MN*

10:00 AM	Games, Crafts, and Fun for All Ages. Available all day! - <i>back patio</i>
12:01 PM	Learn to Dance with Green Fire Irish Dance! Open to all ages. - <i>back patio</i>
1:00 PM	The Center for Irish Music - Instrument Petting Zoo - <i>indoor stage</i>
2:00 PM	Irish Traditional Session with the Keegan's Learners Session - Everyone Welcome to Participate! - <i>indoor stage</i>
2:30 PM	Learn to Irish Dance with Hudson Irish Dance! Open to all ages. - <i>back patio</i>
4:15 PM	Learn to Irish Dance with Rince na Chroi! Open to all ages. - <i>back patio</i>

Boxing Ring sponsored by *Saint Patrick's Association + Rice Street Old School Boxing*

12:00 PM	Meet & Greet with Boxing Legends
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2:00 PM	Sparring
3:00 PM	Boann Distillery
4:00 PM	Best Legs In a Kilt Contest
5:00 PM	Sparring/Main Event

VIP Ticket Holders Only, in Pavilion

11:30 AM	Meet and Greet: Reverie Road
4:30 PM	The Irish Geneology Experts are IN! All your questions answered with the Irish Geneological Society International (IGSI)
5:45 PM	Meet and Greet: Byrne Brothers
7:00 PM	Meet and Greet: Skerryvore
4:00 PM	Meet & Greet: Jig Jam

SUNDAY AUGUST 11, 2024

Main Stage

10:00 AM	Catholic Mass
11:45 AM	Reverie Road
1:30 PM	The Jeremiahs
3:30 PM	The Byrne Brothers
5:00 PM	Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band of St. Paul
5:30 PM	Jig Jam
7:00 PM	The Scattering

Irish on Grand Stage inside Cub Pub

10:45 AM	Ardaigh Suas Academy of Irish Dance
11:45 AM	Eilis Academy of Irish Dance
1:00 PM	Mactír Academy of Irish Dance
2:30 PM	Boiled in Lead
4:30 PM	Locklin Road

Celtic Junction Arts Center Stage inside Guinness Pub

10:00 AM	The Center for Irish Music - Youth Ensemble
11:15 AM	Adrienne O'Shea
12:45 PM	Twin Cities Ceili Band Set Dance featuring Loma Mor Irish Dance Club with calling by Tim McAndrew
2:45 PM	Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band of St. Paul
3:15 PM	Danny Schwarze
4:45 PM	Tom and Ginny

Entrance Stage sponsored by Aer Lingus

11:00 AM	Rupalai
12:00 PM	Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band of St. Paul
12:30 PM	Hannah Flowers, Harp
2:00 PM	The RavensFire Band
3:30 PM	Fola Glas
5:00 PM	Too Broke Blokes

River Stage sponsored by Cara Irish Pubs

11:30 AM	Walking Tour: History of Irish in St. Paul with CynCity Tours
12:15 PM	Introduction to Irish Mythology with Ryan Quinn, presented by CJAC
1:00 PM	Walking Tour: History of Irish in St. Paul with CynCity Tours
1:30 PM	Presentation with Jig Jam
2:30 PM	Walking Tour: History of Irish in St. Paul with CynCity Tours
2:45 PM	Paddy O'Brien - Stories + Music
4:00 PM	The Life of Sinéad O'Connor, presented by Jane Kennedy
5:00 PM	The Norman Invasion of Ireland: The Beginning of the End of Irish Freedom with Tim Madigan. Presented by CJAC

Croke Park

11:45 AM	Hurling with Twin Cities Robert Emmets Hurling & Camogie Club
12:30 PM	Hurling/Camogie for Kids with Twin Cities Robert Emmets Hurling & Camogie Club
1:00 PM	Native Dog Showcase
1:30 PM	Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band of St. Paul
2:00 PM	Li'l Spud Run
2:30 PM	Zero K
3:15 PM	Sheep Herding Demonstration
4:00 PM	Camogie with Twin Cities Robert Emmets Hurling & Camogie Club
4:45 PM	Hurling + Camogie for Kids with Twin Cities Robert Emmets Hurling & Camogie Club
5:15 PM	Sheep Herding Demonstration

Pavilion Stage sponsored by Ireland Network MN

10:00 AM	Games, Crafts, and Fun for All Ages. Available all day. - <i>back patio</i>
12:30 PM	Irish Traditional Session with Iain Dove McAfee + Guests - Everyone is Welcome to Participate! - <i>indoor stage</i>
2:30 PM	The Center for Irish Music - Instrument Petting Zoo. - <i>indoor stage</i>
3:00 PM	Learn to Irish Dance with Mactír Academy of Irish Dance - open to all ages! - <i>back patio</i>

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12:00 PM	Kids Activities
3:00 PM	Sparring

VIP Ticket Holders Only, in Pavilion

11:15 AM	The Irish Language Experts are IN! All your questions answered with Gaeltacht MN
12:15 PM	Meet and Greet: Jeremiahs
4:00 PM	Meet and Greet: Jig Jam

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

Music

Dance

Kids Activities

Cultural

foods at the fair!

new foods, plus the tried & true favorites

Dough Gold: Fresh-baked chocolate chip cookies; take-away cookie dough

Hopper's Mini Donuts: Mini donut bags and big ol' buckets; iced lemonade; bottled water

Mabel's Old-Fashioned Kettle Corn: Sweet + salty kettle corn (gluten-free and vegan friendly)

Bub's Gourmet Aussie Pies: Irish stew pie; Corned beef cheese pie; Chicken wild rice pie; Feta cheese red pepper pie; Duck fat fries, Luck of the Irish shake; Chocolate shake

Snow2Go!: Snow Cones (23 flavors including, 3 sugar-free)

Giant Pickles: Dried Pickle Chips; Bottled water

Just the Meats: Bangers and mash; Cottage pie; Bacon-wrapped filet mignon; Bacon-wrapped chicken; Apple pork tenderloin; Butter-grilled herb potatoes, Roasted sweet corn, The Trinity: Bacon, onion, mushroom; Loaded baked potato; House-made bacon mac & cheese

Spatzi: Griddled spaetzle: 1. Butter, Parmesan cheese with mushroom gravy 2. Reuben spaetzle with Swiss cheese, corned beef, sauerkraut, topped with Thousand Island cream sauce (vegetarian or dairy-free options); Apple fritters topped with sea salt caramel and bacon dust (optional); Deep-fried cheese curds with dipping sauces

Kennedy Concessions: Grilled bratwurst; Hamburgers and cheese burgers; Hot dogs; All-beef corn dogs; French fries, Deep-fried cheese curds, Bottled water

MN Nice Cream: Irish cream & chocolate Guinness twist ice cream with toppings (alcohol-free)

Burbach's: Boxy; Loaded Irish nachos (waffle fries topped with corned beef, Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, and cheese sauce); Giant pretzel with beer cheese sauce, Soda bread with jam, Bottled water

Sweet Clouds Cotton Candy: Cotton candy (sticks, regular, jumbo, monster), Water

Buns of Wheel Burger Company: Reuben burger: Swiss cheese, Thousand Island Dressing, sauerkraut, shredded corned beef on two smashed burger patties; Irish Stew Tater Tots; The Paul Bunyan: Two smashed patties, American cheese, crispy bacon and house-made burger sauce; Babe the Bleu Ox: Two smashed patties smothered in our house-made Bleu cheese béchamel sauce and sautéed onions

Bennett's Chop and Railhouse: Reuben egg roll; Fish and chips; Apple bourbon glazed pork chops; Guinness BBQ pulled pork sandwich; Freezie pops

The Anchor Fish & Chips Fish and Chips +

Morrissey's Irish Pub Fish and Chips +

Mississippi River



- 1 Entrance Stage sponsored by Aer Lingus
- 2 Celtic Junction Arts Center Stage inside Guinness Pub
- 3 Irish on Grand Stage inside Cub Pub
- 4 River Stage sponsored by Cara Irish Pubs
- 5 Pavilion Stage sponsored by Ireland Network MN
- 6 Picnic Area
- 7 Water Refilling Station
- 8 Quiet Space
- 9 VIP Valet Drop-off
- 10 VIP Patio
- 11 VIP Beverage Line
- 12 VIP Seating
- 13 Native Dogs
- 14 Raffle Tickets
- 15 Boxing

Address for Taxi/Uber/Lyft/Google:
 175 Water St W., St Paul, MN 55107
 Bring your own lawn chair or blanket and refillable water bottle.
 Dogs and pets are discouraged.
 No coolers, bicycles, scooters or skateboards allowed.
 21+ ID wristbands at all beverage locations



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