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THE BIG E ANNOUNCES HALFWAY TO ST. PATRICK'S DAY WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT LINEUP

In celebration of St. Paddy's Day, here's an early look at some of the Irish entertainers scheduled to take the stage at The Big E. Opening weekend at the Fair is Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Weekend and a nod to all things Ireland, September 12-14. Each performance in the Halfway entertainment lineup is free with your admission ticket, which can be found alongside an ever-growing list of fairtime events at TheBigE.com!

Court of Honor Stage

- **The StepCrew** - September 13-14, 2pm
This unbelievable show brings together three styles of dance: Ottawa Valley stepdance, Irish stepdance and tap. This virtuosic group includes dancers and musicians that have belonged to The Chieftains, Cherish the Ladies and Bowfire, including three world-class fiddlers that get audiences of all ages toe tapping and clapping along.

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- **Whiskey Cherrybomb** – September 13, 12:30pm
Step into a unique world of “Celtic Acid Folk” and Rock music with Whiskey Cherrybomb. This band is made up of individuals whose passion for Irish music knows no bounds. Though their earliest music influences were vastly different, their collective sound is a passionate blend of Punk and Folk.
- **House of Hamill** - September 14, 8:30pm
Whether they're ripping through a set of original jigs and reels, adding lush three-part harmonies to traditional Folk ballads or cracking up their audience with stories from the road, House of Hamill puts on a captivating show that has you hooked from the first note.

Storrowton Gazebo

- **Kilted Colin** - September 12-14, 12:30, 3:30 & 6:30pm
This lad does more in a kilt than you ever thought was possible! Kilted Colin's variety act is a spectacular blend of hilarious dance moves, impressive tricks and kickflips. He is a one-man band—complete with bagpipes and a 10-foot-tall unicycle! Colin knows how to dress and how to impress!
- **Black Rose Academy of Irish Dance** - September 13, 1:30pm
Bridget Barcomb Dupuis, owner of Black Rose Academy, in Springfield, Mass., is a well-decorated, instructor that boasts more than 30 years of Irish dance experience. Her school prides itself on an all-

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inclusive nature that welcomes beginner step dancers through champions, as early as 4 years old. Dupuis is certified through TCRG, and Black Rose is registered through the CLRG, IDTANA and New England region.

- **Cassin Academy of Irish Dance** - September 14, 1:30pm
Maura Cassin McCarthy, owner of Cassin Academy of Irish Dance, in West Springfield, Mass., is a certified instructor through the TCRG. She has been dancing since the age of 9 and has competed regionally, nationally and internationally. Her students will grace the gazebo with an authentic routine that pays homage to the genre's traditional forms while incorporating contemporary techniques.

Other features of Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Weekend include the Dingle Pavillion Showcase in the Young Building, which highlights numerous Irish vendors right from the Dingle Peninsula; visits from the Dingle Tourism Alliance and Irish dignitaries; a West Springfield Tartan storefront and more!

The Big E returns to West Springfield, Mass., September 12-28, 2025. Advance discount tickets are on sale now at TheBigE.com.

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About The Big E

The Big E is America's only multi-state fair celebrating the rich history, culture and traditions of the six New England states. As the principal event of Eastern States Exposition, The Big E has presented the finest in agriculture; innovative commercial, industrial and artistic developments; and the highest caliber of varied entertainment to the people of the United States for more than a century. The 17-day event has grown to become the largest event on the East Coast, recognized by its recent record annual attendance of 1.7 million fairgoers and counting. Head to TheBigE.com to see what all the buzz is about or follow us on [social media](#).

About Eastern States Exposition

It's always showtime at Eastern States Exposition (ESE), a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation located in West Springfield, Mass. ESE is committed to excellence in providing opportunities for the development and promotion of agriculture, industry, education and family entertainment while preserving our New England heritage. The 175-acre campus holds five exhibition buildings, equivalent to 355,000 square feet of ground level indoor space. Their year-round, on-site dining and entertainment locations include Storowton Village Museum, Eastern States Farmers Market & Wine Café, Storowton Tavern & Carriage House. The facility also hosts more than 120 shows and events annually, such as The Big E, America's only multi-state fair, and Hooplandia, the Northeast's Ultimate 3x3 Basketball Tourney + Festival. For more information, check out EasternStatesExposition.com, or find us on [social media](#).

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Above: Brian Buchanan, Rose Baldino and Caroline Browning of House of Hamill, who will perform September 13 at 12:30pm on The E Stage at The Big E.