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# *MOHAWK VALLEY IRISH CULTURAL EVENTS NEWSLETTER*

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## **Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade – Irish Pride, Family Fun**

On Saturday, March 14th, downtown Utica will once again be the site of one of the Mohawk Valley's most fun-filled family traditions: the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Presented for the second straight year by the Great American Irish Festival, the parade starts at 10:00 AM at Oneida Square and continues down Genesee St. to Columbia St., with the Reviewing Stand once again located at the Stanley Theater. The parade, which last year was the third largest of its kind of the state, will be led by this year's Grand Marshal, **Jim O'Looney**.



Parade Committee Chairman Kevin Dowling is pleased with the progress being made thus far, but still is looking for volunteers, sponsors and participants for this year's parade. For organizations, businesses or individuals interested in being part of the parade, categories include float, marching unit, vehicle, band, restaurant/tavern and best school entry. Sponsorship is also needed at all levels, and provides a great opportunity for area businesses to get their names connected with a prestigious and fun community event.

The St. Patrick's Day parade is one of Utica's oldest and grandest celebrations, originated in 1836 by Utica's first mayor and pre-eminent Irishman, John C. Devereux. After a few years of inactivity, the parade was revived in 1978 as a short parade down Varick St. It was moved to Genesee St. shortly after the "Cable Cares Club" began hosting the parade. In 2007 the Great American Irish Festival took over the reins and it now holds the distinction of being one of the largest St. Patrick's Day parades in New York State.

For more information on how you can become involved, contact Kevin Dowling at [assistant-director@gaif.us](mailto:assistant-director@gaif.us) or visit the parade web site at [www.gaif.us/parade](http://www.gaif.us/parade).

## **Grand Marshal's Reception to be held at the Stanley**

The annual "passing of the shillelagh" from one St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal to the next is a surprisingly moving ceremony, according to the handful of marshals in the parade's history (for a list of past marshals in the parade's "new era," check out <http://www.gaif.us/parade/history/>). This year's ceremony will be the highlight of the annual Grand Marshal's Reception, on March 10, 2009, in the lobby of the



historic Stanley Theater. Last year's Grand Marshal, James Kellmurray, will be on hand to continue the tradition, when – flanked by an assemblage of past Grand Marshals – he hands off the shillelagh to this year's Grand Marshal, Mr. Jim O'Looney. The reception, which runs from 5:00 to 8:00 PM, costs \$5 and requires a ticket, which can be gotten from any of the parade organizers, at Accents of Ireland, and – if available – at the door. Providing entertainment throughout the evening will be the Blarney Rebel Band.

## “Remembering the Irish Famine” Food Drive Aims to Help the Area’s Hungry

As a way of giving back to the community, and in remembrance of one of the most horrific and defining periods in Irish history, the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee has planned a food drive for this year's parade. The theme of the collection is “Remembering the Irish Famine.” St. Patrick's Day Parade attendees and marchers are asked to bring non-perishable food items to the parade, which will be collected and turned over to Mother Marianne’s West Side Kitchen at the St. Joseph-St. Patrick Parish Center. Named for Blessed Mother Marianne Cope, who grew up in West Utica and went on to devote the last 30 years of her life to the lepers of Hawaii's Molokai, this program also claims a unique tie to the local Irish community: It is located across the street from the future Mohawk Valley Irish Cultural Center; the site of the original St. Patrick’s Church, which was built by a burgeoning Irish population who had come to America to escape the Great Hunger in the 1850s.

Chris Hoke, chairperson of the 2009 drive, has high hopes for a successful campaign that will result in much needed meals for several hundred of our “hungry neighbors,” and has arranged for several alternative ways in which people can help. First, she advises that people in the parade can drop their food items in receptacles marked by “Remembering the Irish Famine” signs, located near the start of the parade. Donations can also be made along the route. A GAIF truck will be in the parade, with volunteers walking along the route with bags or baskets collecting food items from parade-goers (and please, do not go into the street, but wait until a volunteer comes by to collect those donations). The Food Drive will also gladly accept any cash donations that are offered in lieu of food, and volunteers will be available along the route to facilitate those offerings as well. And kicking off the drive, a food collection box will also be available at the Grand Marshal's Reception at the Stanley Theater on Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in volunteering for the Food Drive in any capacity, please contact Chris at (315) 827-4291.

## BibleCode Sundays to Rock Post-Parade Party

As a fitting end to a successful parade, and to relax after the months of planning that goes into it, the Utica St. Patrick’s Day Parade committee is convening for one final meeting this year at their annual Post-Parade Party, to be held from 1-5 PM on parade day at the Maennerchor, on Flanagan Road in Marcy. Providing the entertainment at this popular –



and civil – post-parade event will be England’s “The BibleCode Sundays.” The BibleCode Sundays – voted “Best Band on the London Circuit” in 2006 – brings a mix of traditional Irish and modern music that speaks from the heart. Tickets are \$5, and they’re going fast as word gets out that this is the place to go after the parade. You can purchase tickets at Accents of Ireland in the New Hartford Shopping Center, from Parade organizers, and – if there are any left – at the door. Check out the band that the Irish Voice describes as “Bare-knuckle Celtic Rock,” on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

## St. Patrick’s Mass to be Held on March 13<sup>th</sup>

Lest anyone forget the true reason for the holiday, there will be a special St. Patrick’s Day Mass held at St. Joseph-St. Patrick’s Church on Columbia St. in Utica, on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Irish music will be performed starting at 6:30 PM, and the mass itself begins at 7 PM. Local members of the John C. Devereux chapter of the Ancient Order of Hibernians are also asked to gather early enough, and in sashes, to make a massed entrance. Everyone is welcome to attend and to take part in some genuine reflection and to honor our patron saint.

## **Area Favorites Enter the Haggis at MVCC**

Ever since Enter the Haggis burst onto the local scene in year two of the Great American Irish Festival, the Mohawk Valley has had a love affair with the talented Toronto band. Well, they must surely love the Mohawk Valley as well, as they come “home” for a special concert at the Mohawk Valley Community College Theater, 1101 Sherman Drive in Utica, on Friday, March 6th. From the minute they take the stage, the non-stop infectious energy of Enter the Haggis makes it impossible for anyone to stay seated. The group’s constant touring schedule has made them one of the biggest draws at Celtic and folk festivals throughout the world, and their recordings have been no less successful. At this show, you can certainly expect to hear many of your favorite ETH tunes, as well as a healthy sampling of their seventh studio album, “Gutter Anthems.” “Gutter Anthems,” set for release in March, is Enter The Haggis’ most cohesive record to date, and yet its most eclectic. Songs like opening track “The Litter And The Leaves,” with its upbeat tempo and rousing anthemic chorus, see the band embracing a jig-punk direction a la The Dropkick Murphys, while tracks like “Real Life” embrace the more traditional feel of tin whistle and fiddle throughout. “Noseworthy and Piercy” and “The Death of Johnny Mooring” find the band embracing its Canadian roots in true tales from the homeland. Rumor also has it that Brian Buchanan employs some technical tricks with his fiddle unlike anything you’ve ever heard. If that’s got your curiosity piqued – as if you needed more reason – make plans to check out this 8 PM show in the beautiful MVCC Theater. General admission tickets are \$5; \$2 with a College ID and free with an MVCC ID. For tickets, call 315 735-2945 or visit the website at [www.mvcc.edu/culture](http://www.mvcc.edu/culture). They are also available at Accents of Ireland in New Hartford.

## **Saint Patrick’s Kickoff Concert of Irish Music & Dance**

The Unity Hall Foundation is hosting its third annual “Saint Patrick’s Kickoff Concert,” on Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 8 PM in the Historic Second Floor Theatre at Unity Hall, 101 Vanderkemp Ave, in Barneveld. This year’s “Hooley” is sponsored in part by The Great American Irish Festival, which has generously donated two pairs of weekend passes to be raffled off at the intermission. The evening will include step dancing from The Butler-Sheehan Academy of Irish Dance, who will be joined by The Blarney Rebel Band, providing a full evening of Celtic tunes. The Blarney Rebel Band and The Butler-Sheehan Academy will each perform two sets, beginning at 8 PM. Refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$10.00 for Unity Hall Foundation Members, and \$12.00 at the door. Advance sale tickets are available at Adirondack Lanes in Mapledale, and online at [www.unityhall.com](http://www.unityhall.com). For more information, visit the all new website at [www.unityhall.com](http://www.unityhall.com).

## **Legendary Celtic Veterans “Boys of the Lough” to Play the Egg**

Boys of the Lough, one of the finest bands in Celtic traditional music (New York Times), comes to The Egg in Albany on Wednesday, March 11, at 7:30 PM for a rousing concert in honor of the Irish and St. Patrick, and to benefit the Irish American Heritage Museum educational programs and exhibit development. With forty years experience in the world of traditional music, 70 North American tours, 21 recordings and two Grammy nominations, the band that Time Magazine called “the most rhythmically bracing of the traditional music bands” has reached legendary status, establishing a reputation for technical brilliance and integrity combined with a ready wit and sense of fun. Their music ranges widely through traditional melodies of Ireland and encompasses fiddle music of Shetland, Scotland and North America. The group features Cathal McConnell (County Fermanagh, Northern Ireland) on flute, whistles and vocals; Dave Richardson (Northumberland) on concertina, mandolin, button accordion and cittern; Brendan Begley (the Dingle Peninsula, County Kerry) on button accordion, melodeon and vocals; Garry O’Briain (Dublin) on guitar, piano and mandocello; and Kevin Henderson (Shetland Islands) on fiddle. Tickets for The Boys of the Lough are a \$25 donation. Seats are reserved through The Egg Box Office at (518) 473-1845 or through The Egg’s Web site at [www.theegg.org](http://www.theegg.org).

## America's Greatest Heart Run and Walk – You Can Make a Difference

Saturday, March 7th, marks the 35<sup>th</sup> year of America's Greatest Heart Run and Walk, and 39 years of the Heart Radiothon. The Heart Run and attendant activities help fund life-saving research in the fight against heart disease and stroke, having raised millions of dollars in the Utica area alone... and this year you can help the Heart Association reach its \$1,285,000 goal, while celebrating your Irish heritage at the same time.

Last year, Susan Smith put together "Team GAIF," and while it may be too late to say you were part of the inaugural team, it's certainly not too late to join us this year. Events include the 30K run, 10 mile run, 5 mile run, 3 mile run, 5 mile walk and 3 mile walk. If you do want to join, you can register online at [www.uticaheartrunwalk.org](http://www.uticaheartrunwalk.org); the team code you'll be looking for is "GAIF," and Susan will be listed as the team captain. If running or walking aren't your thing, she invites you to follow the sounds of Irish music to the Great American Irish Festival trailer on Heartbreak Hill, where you can help hand out goodies and information to promote the festival and the 2008 St. Patrick's Day parade. For those of you who have already signed up and qualified for Team GAIF shirts, you can meet Susan at the Nail Creek Pub on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> between 6 and 8 PM, where she'll also be giving further instructions on where the team will meet to walk/run together... and we'll also probably begin implementing our hydration regimen.

Whether you decide to run with or support Team GAIF, know that the Heart Association is the real winner. Why not sign up today?

## "North Country Goes Green" Irish Festival

From March 12-15, Watertown plays host to the 23rd annual "North Country Goes Green Irish Festival," at the State Office Building. The festival, promising four days of constant musical entertainment, supports **Project Children**, raising money to bring children from Northern Ireland to Northern New York for four weeks in the summer. This year's festival features a lineup that includes some new (to the festival) faces, namely Finbar Furey and BibleCode Sundays, and some old favorites, including Cliudan, Gerry Dixon and Seanache, The Terry Mostyn Band, Causeway Giants and more. Admission to the festival is \$6/person, with children 12 and under admitted free if accompanied by a parent. For additional information, visit <http://www.northcountrygoesgreen.com>.

## Bald is Beautiful

In the Events Calendar that appears at the end of this newsletter, you'll see on Sunday, March 22nd, a rather cryptic reference to an event at Kitty Hoyne's called "St. Baldrick's Day Fundraiser." No, it is not another St. Patrick's Day party... it's much more noble than that. What it is is one of hundreds of fundraisers organized by the St. Baldrick's Foundation, whose mission is "...to raise awareness and funds to Conquer Kids' Cancer by shaving heads on St. Baldrick's Day [usually the Sunday before St. Patrick's Day]." What started ten years ago as a friendly challenge between three Long Island men has grown into the world's largest event for combating childhood cancer. Since that first "dare," St. Baldrick's Day fundraisers around the world have shaved more than 72,000 heads and raised over \$50 million for the CureSearch National Childhood Cancer Foundation and the CureSearch Children's Oncology Group. To get involved in Kitty Hoyne's fundraiser or for more information on this worthy cause, check out [www.stbaldricks.org](http://www.stbaldricks.org). If you can't attend (or don't want to get shaved), donations are welcomed.



SHAVING THE WAY TO CURE CHILDHOOD CANCER  
**BE BRAVE ... GO BALD**

## From the Irish Kitchen (*recipes suitable for clipping*)

This month's recipe – “Irish Whiskey Pie”

### INGREDIENTS:

Chocolate ready-to-use pie crust	2 tsp sugar
1/4 cup Irish whiskey	2 eggs, separated
1 env unflavored gelatin	green food coloring
1 tsp mint jelly	2/3 cup light cream
2 3/4 cup whipped topping	dash salt

### METHOD

Combine gelatin, 1 tablespoon sugar, and salt in saucepan. Beat egg yolk slightly. Add egg yolks, cream and whiskey to gelatin mixture. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens slightly. Stir in mint jelly. Chill until mixture begins to thicken. Beat egg whites to soft peaks. Beat in remaining sugar until mixture holds a stiff peak. Fold meringue and 2 cups whipped topping into custard mixture. Add green food coloring to desired shade. Turn into crust. Garnish with remaining whipped topping and refrigerate until firm. Let stand at room temperature for 2 hours before cutting.

*If you try this recipe, feel free to share your experience with all of us; and of course, if you have a recipe you'd like to share, please contact Beth Loftis at [bloftis@verizon.net](mailto:bloftis@verizon.net).*

### **RANDOM RAMBLINGS**

☘ **Win a vacation in Ireland** The Committee for the Restoration and Preservation of St Mary's Church in Florence New York is very happy to announce that they are once again offering chances for a beautiful vacation in Ireland. Following their wildly popular and successful 2008 fundraiser, the committee has once again put together a terrific opportunity for you. That's right, for a mere \$100, you can purchase one of only 275 tickets to be sold for a chance to win an Ireland vacation! Imagine, a one-in-275 chance to spend 7 nights (May 3-10, 2009) in one of the beautiful Galway Bay Cottages AND \$1500.00 for airfare. Why, considering that the odds of your getting struck by lightning are about 244,000 to one, you're actually 887 times more likely to win this trip! But it gets better. If you purchase three tickets... you get one extra ticket, free! You can purchase a ticket by sending your check payable to “St Mary's Church” to: Dorothy Fey, 9180 Bones Road, Taberg NY 13471; please annotate on the check “Ireland Vacation.” Your ticket will be mailed upon receipt of your payment. The drawing will be held at 6:30 PM on March 28, 2009, and the winner need not be present.

☘ **“A Common Thread” & “Harps Delight”** On Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, St. John's Parish Center (Third Street in Camden) will present “A Common Thread” & “Harps Delight.” The program consists of Traditional Celtic music; some serious, some with skits and comedy. “Common Thread” is harpist Mary Schroyer – a retired music teacher from the Camden school system -- and violinist Beth Klug. “Harp's Delight” finds Mary pairing up with young harpist Kelsey Munz, also of Camden. The program runs from 2 to 4 PM, and there is no charge for admission. Refreshments will be provided.

☘ **Accents of Ireland News** A local Irish newsletter would certainly not be complete without a report from the lasses at Accents of Ireland Gift Shoppe. The girls wanted you to know that they will have the long awaited Elders CD “Gael Day,” planned for release on March 17<sup>th</sup>. They also have tickets for the Enter the Haggis concert at MVCC, the Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal's Reception, and the Utica St. Patrick's Day Post-Parade Party, to be held on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

- ✚ **You Can Help Spread the Word** Kate Barefoot, Special Events Coordinator for the Great American Irish Festival, writes: “Folks... if you are planning on attending any of the events on the Calendar, please be sure to either take handouts about the GAIF with you or at least talk up the Festival with others when you are there! Especially events that are out of town. We would love to use any Irish related event to promote the Great American Irish Festival. Our target audience is others like us who appreciate our Irish Heritage, but might not have heard about our FANTASTIC Festival!! Please contact me if you want something to bring along! We will be getting our brochures ready soon and ready for distribution. As soon as we do, we will let you know. THANKS!! Kate Flanagan Barefoot - email: [kfbare@yahoo.com](mailto:kfbare@yahoo.com).”
- ✚ **Music of the Season** There is so much going on this month, in order to keep the newsletter to a manageable heft, we’re going to list some of the many events going on in the general area. Note: Not all of these will be listed in the Celtic Club Calendar at the end of the newsletter... so be sure to give this section a pretty good looking over:
- ✚ **The Irish Rovers** – March 1<sup>st</sup>, The Palace Theater, Albany. The “international ambassadors of Irish music” in a special 3 PM show. Tickets are \$25 for adults. Call (518) 465-3335 ext. 103.
  - ✚ **Celtic Woman** – March 6<sup>th</sup>, Proctor’s Theater, Schenectady. Come join the girls of Celtic Women – Chloe, Lisa, Alex, Lynn, Mairead and Lurleen. Okay, I’m kidding with the last one; just checking to see if you really read this stuff. Tickets range from \$65.75 to \$67.75; visit <http://www.proctors.org/>.
  - ✚ **Enter the Haggis** - March 6<sup>th</sup>, MVCC. You love ‘em, we love ‘em, and now we’ve got ‘em. Tickets are expected to go pretty quickly!
  - ✚ **The Irish Tenors** – March 7<sup>th</sup>, Stanley Theatre, Utica. That’s right: The Irish Tenors -- Finbar Wright, Anthony Kearns and Karl Scully -- are coming to Utica. Tickets for the 8 PM show range from \$30-\$60. For more info, visit <http://www.stanleytheatre.net/tickets/index.php?id=45>.
  - ✚ **Dropkick Murphys** – March 10<sup>th</sup>, Northern Lights in Clifton Park, NY. Tickets for the 7:30 show are \$27; \$25 in advance. For more information, visit <http://www.northernlightslive.com/>.
  - ✚ **Flogging Molly** – March 12<sup>th</sup>, Water Street Music Hall, Rochester. The original date – the 11<sup>th</sup> – quickly sold out, but they were able to add a second date, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Tickets for the 8 PM show, which are going quickly, are \$25 in advance, and can be purchased at all Ticketmaster locations, or by phone at 1-800-745-3000. For more details, go to <http://www.waterstreetmusic.com>.
  - ✚ **Líadan** – March 12<sup>th</sup>, Old Songs Concert Series, Voorheesville, NY. Líadan, [pronounced 'LEE-a-dun'] weaves traditional Irish music and Irish song to form a unique blend of old and new. Tickets for the 8 PM show are \$20. Visit [www.oldsongs.org](http://www.oldsongs.org) or call 518-765-2815. And to the guys: trust me; go to that site.
  - ✚ **Grada** – March 14<sup>th</sup>, Center for the Arts in Homer, NY. Sing Out Magazine says “If this talented quintet appears anywhere within 100 miles of you, hie thee hence!” They do, so hie thusly. Tickets are \$10 to \$20; details at [http://www.center4art.org/2009Spring/Grada\\_tickets\\_page.html](http://www.center4art.org/2009Spring/Grada_tickets_page.html).
  - ✚ **Celtic Thunder** - What do you get when you put out an open call for male Irish singers from every end of Ireland, irrespective of age or experience? What you get is... Celtic Thunder, and you get them twice this month. They’ll appear at the [Landmark Theater](#) on March 21<sup>st</sup>, and on March 31<sup>st</sup> at [Shea’s Performing Arts Center](#) in Buffalo.
  - ✚ **Finbar Furey** –The legendary founding member of The Fureys will be in the area twice this month; first at the “North Country Goes Green” festival mentioned above (March 12<sup>th</sup>) and then again the next night at the Parting Glass in Saratoga Springs. Ticket information is in the events calendar below.
  - ✚ **Natalie MacMaster** also has a couple of dates in the general area this month. You can catch her at the University of Buffalo’s [Center for the Arts](#) on March 11<sup>th</sup>, or at the [Clemens Center](#) in Elmira on March 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - ✚ **Eileen Ivers** can also be seen twice in March; at [Corning Civic Music](#) on the 14<sup>th</sup> and again at [Hosmer Hall, SUNY Potsdam](#) on the 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - ✚ **Ronan Tynan** – March 26<sup>th</sup>, Massry Center, College of St. Rose in Albany. Unfortunately for Mr. Tynan and his legions of fans, his December 11<sup>th</sup> concert had to be cancelled because of the weather. Fortunately for us, it’s been rescheduled... and now you know about it. Tickets for the 7 PM show are \$40. For tickets contact Stephanie Lamphere at 518-458-5391.

**Celtic Club Calendar** Finally, here's the Irish Musical and Cultural calendar for March.

Feb 28	St. Patrick's Kickoff Concert	<a href="#">Unity Hall</a>	Barneveld	8 PM	\$12; \$10 adv.
Mar 1	Irish Rovers	<a href="#">Palace Theater</a>	Albany	3 PM	\$25, \$12.50 for 12 and under
Mar 1	<a href="#">Syracuse Irish Session</a>	Wayside Irish Pub	Elbridge NY	4-7 PM	Free
Mar 1	The Flyin' Column	<a href="#">Coleman's Irish Pub</a>	Syracuse	4-7 PM	Free
Mar 6	Enter the Haggis	<a href="#">MVCC Theater</a>	Utica	8 PM	\$5; \$2 w/ College ID; Free w/MVCC ID.
Mar 6	Blarney Rebel Band	<a href="#">Piggy Pat's Pickled Pig Pub</a>	Washington Mills	6-9 PM	Free
Mar 6	Celtic Woman	<a href="#">Proctor's Theater</a>	Schenectady	8 PM	\$65.75 - \$67.75
Mar 6	Pat Kane	<a href="#">Kitty Hoynes</a>	Syracuse	9 PM	Free
Mar 7	The Irish Tenors	<a href="#">Stanley Theatre</a>	Utica	8 PM	\$30-60
Mar 7	Screaming Orphans	<a href="#">Roxbury Arts Group Theater</a>	Roxbury, NY	7:30 PM	\$15, \$12 seniors
Mar 8-16	<a href="#">"Those Smiling Irish Eyes"</a> w/Donal O'Shaughnessy	Beck's Grove	Blossvale	2-5 PM	Call 336-7038
Mar 10	Utica Grand Marshal Reception	<a href="#">Stanley Theater</a>	Utica	5-8 PM	\$5
Mar 10	Dropkick Murphys	<a href="#">Northern Lights</a>	Clifton Park, NY	7:30 PM	\$27; \$25 adv
Mar 11	Boys of the Lough	<a href="#">The Egg</a>	Albany	7:30 PM	\$25
Mar 11	Natalie MacMaster	<a href="#">UB Center for the Arts</a>	Buffalo	8 PM	\$20 -\$30
Mar 12	Flogging Molly	<a href="#">Water Street Music Hall</a>	Rochester	8 PM	\$25 in adv.
Mar 12	Líadan	<a href="#">Old Songs Concert Series</a>	Voorheesville	8 PM	\$20
Mar 13	Donal O'Shaughnessy	<a href="#">Piggy Pat's Pickled Pig Pub</a>	Washington Mills	6-9 PM	Free
Mar 13	Finbar Furey, w/McKrells	<a href="#">The Parting Glass</a>	Saratoga Springs	8 PM	\$15; resv. req.
Mar 13	Cliudan	Salty Shamrock	Herkimer	9 PM	TBD
Mar 13	Old Friends	<a href="#">Kitty Hoynes</a>	Syracuse	9 PM	Free
Mar 12-15	<a href="#">North Country Goes Green</a>	Dulles State Office Building	Watertown	varies	\$6
Mar 14	Utica's St. Patrick's Day Parade	Downtown	Utica	10:00 AM	Free
Mar 14	Utica St. Patrick's Day Post-Parade Party	Maennerchor	Marcy	1-5 PM	\$5
Mar 14	Vince Colgan	<a href="#">Piggy Pat's Pickled Pig Pub</a>	Washington Mills	4 PM	Free
Mar 14	Eileen Ivers and Immigrant Soul	<a href="#">Corning Civic Music</a>	Corning, NY	7:30 PM	\$35.00
Mar 14	Glengarry Bhoys	<a href="#">Historic Riviera Theatre</a>	North Tonawanda	8 PM	\$17
Mar 14	Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade Day Irish Breakfast w/Gerry Dixon, Cassidy McCale.	<a href="#">Kitty Hoynes</a>	Syracuse	8 AM	TBD
Mar 14	Hair of the Dog (2 shows)	<a href="#">The Parting Glass</a>	Saratoga Springs	6 & 9 PM	\$13; resv. req.
Mar 14	Grada	<a href="#">Center for the Arts</a>	Homer, NY	8 PM	\$10 - \$20
Mar 14	Traditional Irish Band	<a href="#">Blarney Stone Restaurant</a>	Auburn	1 to 4 PM	Free
Mar 15	Natalie MacMaster	<a href="#">Clemens Center</a>	Elmira	7:30 PM	\$25-40
Mar 15	<a href="#">Syracuse Irish Session</a>	Johnston's Bally Bay Pub	Syracuse	4-7 PM	Free
Mar 17	Eileen Ivers and Immigrant Soul	<a href="#">Hosmer Hall, SUNY Potsdam</a>	Potsdam	7:30 PM	\$20-38
Mar 17	John McDermott	<a href="#">Turning Stone Casino</a>	Verona	3 PM	\$30
Mar 20	Blarney Rebel Band	<a href="#">Piggy Pat's Pickled Pig Pub</a>	Washington Mills	6-9 PM	Free

Mar 20	Donal O'Shaughnessy	<a href="#">Kitty Hoynes</a>	Syracuse	9 PM	Free
Mar 20	Pat Kane	<a href="#">Blarney Stone Restaurant</a>	Auburn	8:30 PM	Free
Mar 21	Celtic Thunder	<a href="#">Landmark Theater</a>	Syracuse	7:30 PM	\$37.50 - \$55
Mar 22	St. Baldrick's Day	<a href="#">Kitty Hoynes</a>	Syracuse	11 AM	Free/donations
Mar 26	Ronan Tynan	<a href="#">Massry Center, College of St. Rose</a>	Albany	7 PM	\$40
Mar 26	Craobh Dugan Open Session	Cafe Domenico	Utica	7:30-10 PM	Free
Mar 29	GiveWay	<a href="#">Caffé Lena</a>	Saratoga Springs	7 PM	\$9 - \$18
Mar 31	Celtic Thunder	<a href="#">Shea's Performing Arts Center</a>	Buffalo	7:30 PM	\$35 - \$52.50

That wraps it up for this month. If you have a book you'd like Mark to review, or a recipe to share, or a festival, concert or CD review of your own you'd like to contribute, feel free to contact us at [sistia@roadrunner.com](mailto:sistia@roadrunner.com), [bloftis@verizon.net](mailto:bloftis@verizon.net) or [marksisti@roadrunner.com](mailto:marksisti@roadrunner.com). We'd also like to thank the many contributors to this month's newsletter: John "Foxy" Fox, Tom Malley, Melanie Brown, Virginia Roczen, Kate Barefoot, Sharon Kane Zohne, Tim Hardiman, Chris Hoke, Dorothy Fey, Edward Finnerty, and all the rest of our legion of footsoldiers who keep these events coming in. As always, while we try to get things – prices, places, times, etc., -- as accurate as we can, sometimes we make mistakes. It always makes sense to call ahead to confirm some of these further-out trips. Until we meet again, have a happy St. Patrick's Day; celebratory but not disorderly, reverent but not somber, and always, always, in the true and original spirit of the holiday.