



**WORKING TOGETHER TO ESTABLISH AN IRISH CULTURAL CENTER IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**The Irish Center of Southern California Inc., is a 503 c (3) Not for Profit Corporation Tax ID No. is 95-4442397**

We are a fundraising group **with no “paid” staff.** Our primary aim is to acquire a multi- purpose facility including a theater, library, social hall, meeting rooms, etc. Please send news re graduations, births, weddings, deaths, relocating, etc., to [eirebt@yahoo.com](mailto:eirebt@yahoo.com) Our address is 1931 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale, CA 91201.

You will find the newsletter and updated information on our website at [www.irishcenter.org](http://www.irishcenter.org) It is not always possible to distribute information regarding death notices and events timely. However, if you have access to a computer chances are you can find the website. Check it a few times a week for updates and for the newsletter.

If you know someone who would like to receive this newsletter and who does not have a computer we will send a copy by U.S. mail. Let us know. This distribution is over 2800 e-mail addresses. We would like to thank those people who donated to the Irish Center to help us with expenses (including ink and postage for this newsletter)

**IRISH CENTER OF SO. CALIFORNIA** “get-together” (first Sunday of the month) Sunday, **December 2, 2018**, at 1 p.m. lunch at Hill Street Café, 3301 N. Glenoaks Blvd., Burbank. Easy to find, between Hollywood Way and Buena Vista on Glenoaks (right next to St. Leon’s Cathedral). Hill Street Café telephone number is 818-845-0046. A separate dining room for 40-50 people. Parking right beside the building. Order what you want – a cup of coffee to full breakfast or lunch – and pay separately.

**FRIENDS OF IRELAND** Breakfast meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month) Tuesday, **December 4, 2018**, at 9:00 a.m. at Katella Restaurant, 4470 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, CA 90720. RSVP (Pete Walsh, 714-200-7365) [pbeireanua@att.net](mailto:pbeireanua@att.net)

**ST. CORNELIUS CHURCH HALL, IRISH SOCIAL** (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month) from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach, CA 90808. Good food, good music, good conversation, singing and dancing. Music by Dennis Murray. Thanks to the Pastor, Fr. Michael Gleeson and the organizer, sister Alicia from Castleblaney, who says “Please come and bring a friend and a dish.”

**TO VIEW THE NEWSLETTER AND latest Irish News** in So. California don’t wait for an e-mail, please visit the website at: [www.irishcenter.org](http://www.irishcenter.org)

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**BINGO** every Tuesday at 6.30 pm in  
St. Eleanor Hall, St. Robert Bellarmine  
Church, 143 N. 5th Street, Burbank.  
CA 91501. Info: 818 846 3443.

**CELTIC ARTS CENTER**, Mondays Celtic  
Irish Dance and workshop at the Mayflower  
Club, 11110 Victory Boulevard, North  
Hollywood, CA 91606.

**ACCORDIONAIRES** – Enjoy Accordion  
Music at Victorio's Ristorante, 10901 Victory  
Blvd., No. Hollywood, CA 91606  
(Vineland/Victory) on the third Tuesday of the  
month. (December 18, 2018)

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**KEN O'MALLEY**

events calendar: <https://kenomalley.com/shows>

Continuing: Twilight Lords 2nd Fridays  
each month at Ireland's 32 in Van  
Nuys, solo show Auld Dubliner in Long  
Beach each Thursday at 5 p.m. and  
Finn McCool's in Santa Monica with  
John Breen 3rd Tuesdays at 7 p.m..

Brendan's in Camarillo, December 7,  
January 4.

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View Irish news in North America:

The Celtic Connection  
[http://celtic-connection.com/wp-  
content/uploads/2018/09/celtic\\_sept\\_18\\_1.pdf](http://celtic-connection.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/celtic_sept_18_1.pdf)

**ORDER TICKETS FOR THE  
IRISH CENTER OF SO.  
CALIFORNIA**

*ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION*

*25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY*

*DINNER DANCE*

*on*

*March 16, 2019*

*at*

*THE HILTON HOTEL, Glendale*

*25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special rate:*

***\$50 per ticket***

***818-238-0445***

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***DENNIS MCNEIL***

***December 16th***

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**1014 Hermosa Avenue**

**Hermosa Beach, CA**

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**VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST THE**

**IRISH CENTER OF SO.**

**CALIFORNIA**

**[eirebt@yahoo.com](mailto:eirebt@yahoo.com)**

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## Letters to the Editor

**From:** Ita Olsen <[ita@conveyclearly.com](mailto:ita@conveyclearly.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Irish Center Newsletter November 2018  
**Date:** November 25, 2018 at 9:26:51 AM PST  
**To:** [robby@coolabula.com](mailto:robby@coolabula.com)

I hope you're doing well. I've been on your Irish Center mailing list and reading it for quite some time now.

I have a favor to ask. My house burned down in the Woolsey fire and my family lost everything. We had no renters insurance.

I was hoping you could share my [GoFundMe](#) (Fanning family fire recovery) page on your newsletter. I had 2 home businesses and a home-school operation for my 9 year old boy.

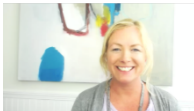
He cried for 2 hours when he learned our house burned down. Days later I talked to him about it and I learned that he was mourning the loss of his stuffies. He said, "I could talk to them about anything."

We need to rebuild. Find a place to rent and outfit it with just the necessities.

Here's the [story](#) I put on my blog.

I thank you soooo much in advance for anything you can do to help.

Love,  
Ita



Ita M. Olsen, MA CCC/SLP  
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### [YouTube](#)

skype: ita.m.olsen

Read this: <http://conveyclearly.com/blog/>

"Everyone who's anyone has Ita Olsen as their speech coach"

*Alan Corey—Author, A Million Bucks by 30, and Subversive Job Search*

"Ita has a proven method for improving speech abilities and presentation skills. She is my personal confidence coach, and has worked with many on my staff. I would recommend her services to anyone who would benefit from being perceived by colleagues or clients as professional, expert and confident in all settings."

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**From: John Schulte**

The Chinese American Heritage Foundation (CAHF) is in search of **Irish American descendants of rail workers who helped build the Transcontinental Railroad.**

2019 marks the 150th anniversary of the completion of that revolutionizing project, which began when President Lincoln signed the Pacific Railway Act of 1862.

CAHF has been officially invited to participate in the [2019 Rose Parade in Pasadena, California](#). Our sponsor is Union Pacific Railroad.

We will be selecting rail worker descendants to ride on the float, to pay tribute to our ancestors and their legacy of paving the way for future generations to thrive in the United States.

This mainstream event is an ideal scenario to shine light on the Irish and other immigrant groups who contributed to this remarkable feat. Our goal is to showcase how many different people, from all walks of life, worked together to achieve the monumental capital project that connected the United States from sea to shining sea. The Transcontinental Railroad truly was a collective embodiment of our nation's motto, *e pluribus unum* (out of many, one).

Having Irish rail worker descendants riding alongside Chinese, German, and African descendants will be a truly fantastic way to commemorate this historic event, as well as suggesting a non-partisan and positive way forward for our current divisive state.

The overall theme of the parade in 2019 is *The Melody of Life*. Our float is named, appropriately enough, *Harmony Through Union*. Any Irish American descendants who have a relatable story that builds upon these themes will be duly considered for this most auspicious event. Ideal candidates are located in Western States, so that travel is easier, though this is not mandatory criteria.

Riders would have to be available three times: once briefly on December 30 for a short rehearsal; once on December 31st in the morning for judging; and then, of course, on New Year's Day for the Rose Parade. It is a 5-mile parade route and will require 3 hours of standing on the float, from beginning to end. The staging area will open early, too, so this will be a commitment to carefully consider for endurance. What we can promise, however, is a lot of fun and participation with an historically significant float and international event.

Please contact us via email at [JohnSchulte@me.com](mailto:JohnSchulte@me.com) or message us via Facebook [@ChineseAmericanHeritage](#). Thank you for your consideration. And we hope you enjoy CAHF's float, *Harmony Through Union*, [on January 1, 2019](#)

If you are not a rail worker descendant, but understand the importance in paying homage to these tireless workers, you may help us decorate the float by clicking on this link and accessing our Volunteer Portal: <http://bit.ly/CAHF-Volunteers>

For additional media information and to review our promotional material, please visit these links:

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**30 Second Video Teaser**  
<http://bit.ly/CAHF-Teaser>

**60 Second Video Teaser**  
[bit.ly/CAHF-UP](http://bit.ly/CAHF-UP)

**90 Second Video Promo**  
<http://bit.ly/CAHF-Promo>

**5 Minute Go Fund Me Video (English)**  
[http://bit.ly/CAHF\\_GoFundMe](http://bit.ly/CAHF_GoFundMe)

**First Press Release**  
<http://bit.ly/CAHF-FloatAnnouncement>

**Social Media Platforms**

**Facebook — Follow Us**  
[@ChineseAmericanHeritage](https://www.facebook.com/ChineseAmericanHeritage)

**Instagram — Follow Us**  
[@cahfusa](https://www.instagram.com/cahfusa)

The image is a promotional banner for Aer Lingus. It features a dark blue background with a green ribbon graphic on the left and a holly leaf on the right. The text is white and orange. The main offer is "\$100\* OFF FLIGHTS FROM W. COAST TO IRELAND". Below this, it says "TRAVEL BETWEEN 01.08.19 - 03.22.19" and "BOOK BY NOV 28". At the bottom left is the Aer Lingus logo with the tagline "Smart flies Aer Lingus". At the bottom right is an orange button that says "BOOK NOW" with a right-pointing arrow. Below the button, it says "Ts & Cs Apply. Book by Nov 28".

Don't miss Aer Lingus' Winter Sale! Experience all that Ireland has to offer. Hurry book by November 28, 2018. Fly from L.A. Los Angeles (LAX) to Ireland Dublin \$100 Off

\*Travel select dates January 8-March 22, 2019.

**Social Media:**

Check out Aer Lingus' Black Flyday Sale! Fly from Los Angeles (LAX) to Dublin Ireland

**Please use this link:** <https://bit.ly/2QQJRfw>

Regards,

Melissa Norelli

**Event Coordinator**  
Tel 949 722 6551  
Cell 949 226 2315



<http://www.the-oneillgroup.com>

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**From:** [FIONN - THE OPERA](#)

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**To:** [tomirishhour@msn.com](mailto:tomirishhour@msn.com)  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2018 8:23 AM  
**Subject:** Campaigning for 'FIONN' - The Opera

We, Nissim Khalifa: composer, and Eugene Kaminsky: a librettist, would like to introduce to you our recent project:

"Fionn" - an opera based on an Irish myth/on Irish mythology. The story covers the birth and boyhood deeds of Fionn McCool, Ireland's national hero, who, despite being an outcast, saves Tara, the city of his birth. The Opera draws inspiration from traditional Irish music, especially Sean-nós. As artists, we find universal beauty and qualities in the Irish national ethos, which, together with the novelty of the story as an opera plot, have an unprecedented potential for the Irish culture and the Opera genre mutual enrichment. (see page 7)

To produce this opera, we have launched a mass-funding campaign (link below) and would like to ask your assistance in any possible way to promote our project, such as financial support either by your organization directly or by any charity funds that you can introduce to the cause, and also an assistance with promoting the project in your community. For that we arranged special perks from the Opera production for anyone who is willing to donate.

As artists, we find universal beauty and qualities in the Irish national ethos, which, together with the novelty of the story as an opera plot, have an unprecedented potential for the Irish culture and the Opera genre mutual enrichment.

Link to our FIONN - The Opera campaign on Indiegogo: <https://igg.me/at/fionn/x/19661451>  
Grateful for your attention and looking forward for your reply,

Nissim Khalifa and Eugene Kaminsky.

FIONN on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/fionn.the.opera>

FIONN on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/FionnTheOpera>

FIONN on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6mRkfQtL8ygPaVYgDITXexVG-z990gDE>

*Nollaig  
Shona  
Duit*

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The sitcom "The Kids Are All Right" shown on ABC on Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m. is loosely based on the Doyle family of 8 brothers growing up in Glendale. Two of the brothers Dennis and Terry Doyle are members of The Innisfree Band. The script is written by another brother Tim Doyle, a prominent writer of many other TV dramas. (Terry Fleming)

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***Please consider giving donations for the Irish Center of So. California Silent Auction to be held at the Dinner Dance on March 16, 2019. Contact Tom or Bridget or leave a message: 818-238-0445.***

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## **It's that time of year again! Time to Winter Holiday Hoolie!**

**Monday, December 17, 2018 — 7:00 p.m.**

**The Mayflower Club**

**11110 Victory Blvd, North Hollywood, CA 91606**

**Potluck Party • Silent Auction & Raffle • Performances**

**Come in! Grab a plate, get a drink. Find a table and share a meal with your fellow Celtic Arts Center peeps and enjoy the show. We've got singing, we've got music, and maybe some prose or poetry. Then score some Celtic booty from the silent auction and raffle! Then go get another beer or shot of whiskey. Relax! Enjoy the sparkly Yuletide goodness with us. (see next page for details)  
**We are just a bunch of merry makers****

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but it takes a little time, planning and effort, so we're asking members and friends to help out. We still need entertainers, donated items for the raffle, and people to help set up and take down. See below...

If you've always wanted to get up and sing, play a tune, perform an act or dance a jig (or bust a move), be sure and let us know. We'd like to get you up on stage.

Please email Susan Winsberg at [susanwinsberg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:susanwinsberg@sbcglobal.net) by Dec. 11th with all performers' names, what you're doing and the timing of your act. She will reply with a written confirmation

***Let's work together this holiday season to make this year's Winter Holiday Hoolie a great success and an evening to remember!***

***We can't wait to hear from you. Let's work together this holiday season to make this year's Winter Holiday Hoolie a great success and an evening to remember!***

**We'd love your help to make this year's holiday party fun and festive!**

**Donate items for the silent auction and raffle!**

Email **Denise** before Dec. 9th. You can also bring your raffle items to the Celtic Arts Center on a Monday night by the 10th.

**Bring a dish for the Potluck! Help set up and/or take down!**

Please consider helping us get the people fed and the party decorated (and help with the clean up afterwards). Holiday desserts are great, but we hope people will bring some main dish items as well... remember, we want to stay trim for all that Ceilí dancing we're going to do in the New Year!

To help us keep track of food, please contact **Kathy** by Dec. 16th.

Holiday elves contact the coordinator [volunteer@celticartscenter.com](mailto:volunteer@celticartscenter.com)

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**SEGERSTROM CENTER FOR THE ARTS ANNOUNCES CHILDREN'S  
CASTING FOR  
AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE'S *THE NUTCRACKER***

**December 14 – 23, 2018**

**Segerstrom Hall**

**Tickets on sale now**

Segerstrom Center for the Arts is proud to announce casting of 48 young dancers in **American Ballet Theatre's** production of **The Nutcracker** performed December 14 through 23 in Segerstrom Hall. Forty students from the **American Ballet Theatre William J. Gillespie School at Segerstrom Center**, plus eight additional talented young dancers from Orange County, will perform alongside the world renowned ABT company, in this classic holiday show.

There are two casts of Principal children's dancers, including **Lani Mefford** and **Isabella Martino** as Clara, **Kellan Hayag, Salvatore Lodi** and **Andrew Dove** as Fritz, **Vinnie Winderman** and **Chase Rogers** as The Prince and **Logan Cooper** as Little Mouse.

ABT Principal casting, includes **Hee Seo** as Clara, the Princess and **Cory Stearns** as The Nutcracker Prince on opening night, December 14. Additional casts include **Stella Abrera, Misty Copeland, Sarah Lane, Gillian Murphy, Christine Shevchenko, Aran Bell, Herman Cornejo, Thomas Forster, Blaine Hoven** and **James Whiteside**.



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**Segerstrom Center for the Arts  
600 Town Center Drive  
Costa Mesa California 92626  
United States**

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## ALZHEIMER'S/ DEMENTIA COMMUNICATION

1. Never *ARGUE*, instead *AGREE*
2. Never *REASON*, instead *DIVERT*
3. Never *SHAME*, instead *DISTRACT*
4. Never *LECTURE*, instead *REASSURE*
5. Never say “*REMEMBER,*” instead *REMINISCE*
6. Never say “*I TOLD YOU,*” instead *REPEAT/REGROUP*
7. Never say “*YOU CAN'T,*” instead do what they *CAN*
8. Never *COMMAND/DEMAND*, instead *ASK/MODEL*
9. Never *CONDESCEND*, instead *ENCOURAGE*
10. Never *FORCE*, instead *REINFORCE*

## ***LETTER FROM A MOTHER TO A DAUGHTER***

*"My dear girl,*

*The day you see I'm getting old, I ask you to please be patient, but most of all, try to understand what I'm going through. If when we talk, I repeat the same thing a thousand times, don't interrupt to say: "You said the same thing a minute ago".... Just listen, please.*

*Try to remember the times when you were little and I would read the same story night after night until you would fall asleep. When I don't want to take a bath, don't be mad and don't embarrass me. Remember when I had to run after you making excuses and trying to get you to take a shower when you were just a girl? When you see how ignorant I am when it comes to new technology, give me the time to learn and don't look at me that way . . . remember, honey, I patiently taught you how to do many things like eating appropriately, getting dressed, combing your hair and dealing with life's issues every day . . . the day you see I'm getting old, I ask you to please be patient, but most of all, try to understand what I'm going through.*

*If I occasionally lose track of what we're talking about, give me the time to remember, and if I can't, don't be nervous, impatient or arrogant. Just know in your heart that the most important thing for me is to be with you. And when my old, tired legs don't let me move as quickly as before, give me your hand the same way that I offered mine to you when you first walked. When those days come, don't feel sad . . . just be with me, and understand me while I get to the end of my life with love. I'll cherish and thank you for the gift of time and joy we shared.*

*With a big smile and the huge love I've always had for you, I just want to say, I love you. . .my darling daughter." – author unknown*

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# INNISFREE IRISH BAND

The Innisfree Irish/American Band has been performing for over 25 years in concert halls, churches, casinos, hospitals, homes, military bases and even at a prison! The seven members are multi-talented musicians with an amazing repertoire of Irish songs, ballads, sea shanties and sing-a-longs. Country and rock and roll offerings are also available. The band is committed to providing a first class musical and entertaining experience. They promise you will leave their performance with a smile on your face and a song in your heart!



One of the founding members, Terry Fleming, hails from County Leitrim, Ireland and his Irish roots are evident in his button accordion and harmonica numbers, as well as his banter of stories and jokes. Lead singer, Julie Delaney, has a country background but has become immersed in Irish music. She is Innisfree's own "Celtic Woman" with a "voice like an angel", as one fan reported. Brothers, Dennis and Terry Doyle, have been with the band since its inception. Dennis is nationally renowned for his harp playing and is also skilled at the keyboard and mandolin.



His touching version of "Danny Boy" is always a favorite. Terry directs the music, plays acoustic and bass guitar and will have you on your feet dancing with "Galway Girl". Kevin Weed is a true classic musician and composer and can literally play any instrument. He is most renowned in this group for his piano renditions, flute and tin whistle playing and donning a kilt for bagpipe routines. Mike Tiffany, on percussion, comes to Innisfree from a diverse background that included a stint with the famous Beach Boys!

Newest member, Alex Acevedo, rounds out the players with bass guitar and mandolin. All seven members participate in the vocals. Their newest CD "At Home with Innisfree" is available at their website ([innisfreemusic.com](http://innisfreemusic.com)), as well as on iTunes.

The band is committed to constantly enhancing their music, playing classic Irish favorites and adding new songs. They promise to give you a show you will never forget, that will engage you in the entertainment and have you leave wishing there was more. Commendations have been received from military personnel at American bases in Japan and Okinawa, hosts at private parties, the Knights of Columbus, Elks Club at Big Bear, St. Patrick's Church in Carlsbad, Bowers Museum, Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas, various Irish pubs throughout the South Bay and Norris Bravo group in Palos Verdes.

Innisfree hopes to have their next gig at YOUR venue!

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

**FATHER**  
**GERARD O'BRIEN'S**  
**60TH BIRTHDAY**

**SAT · DECEMBER 8 · 7PM**

**OUR LADY OF REFUGE AUDITORIUM**

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**LIVE IRISH MUSIC**

FATHER HAS REQUESTED NO GIFTS.  
BUT WE ARE COLLECTING FUNDS TO HELP PURCHASE A NEW SOUND SYSTEM IN THE CHURCH.

**IT WILL BE AN INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK DINNER!**

If your last name starts with Initials A thru F, Please Bring An Appetizer  
If your last name starts with Initials G thru L, Please Bring a Main Dish  
If your last name starts with Initials M thru R, Please bring a Salad  
If your last name starts with Initials S thru Z, Please bring a Dessert

**CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!**  
BYOB (Bring your own beer, wine, or soft drinks)

Contact Amy Sloan @ 562-310-1575 after 7:00 pm (aosloan@icloud.com) or Mary Lea Chamberlain @ 562-397-1972 (leaski57@gmail.com) with questions, suggestions and to RSVP

**COME HAVE A ROARING GOOD TIME**  
AT THE  
**EMERALD HOPE FOUNDATION**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GALA**  
BENEFITING  
**BREAST CANCER SOLUTIONS**

February 9, 2019  
Embassy Suites Hotel  
1325 E. Dyer Rd  
Santa Ana Ca

**No Host Cocktails 6:00pm – 7:00 pm**

**Dinner 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**Dancing 8:00 pm – 11:30 pm**

**Raffles and Silent Auction**

**Attire: Semi Formal**

**Roaring 20's Dress Optional**

**Tickets \$80 per person**

**Tickets email us at [emeraldhopefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:emeraldhopefoundation@gmail.com)**



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## ***Nathan Carter at the Wilshire Ebell Theatre***



Come witness one of Ireland's biggest country stars, Nathan Carter! Nathan began playing the accordion at just four years old and has since topped U.K. album charts with several album releases. Nathan has out sold major performers like Michael Buble and Irish media nominates him as one of the world's biggest stars of country and Irish music. PBS SoCal invites you to experience a spectacular performance by Nathan Carter at the Wilshire Ebell Theatre on May 22, 2019. Donate for tickets today! A pair of tickets to the show in the Orchestra (Rows G – R) section is available at the \$120 donation level. A pair of tickets to the show in the Orchestra (Rows A – F) section plus pre-show meet and greet passes are available at the \$200 donation level.

***GET WELL WISHES TO: Angela O'Shea***

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## New Shop Hours

Many of you have asked about evening hours for the shop.

We are shifting our schedule to accommodate those who can't make it in before our usual closing time at 6pm.

As of today, we have new posted hours.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday..3pm to 8pm

Thursday, Friday and Saturday..11am to 6pm  
Sunday..12pm to 4pm

## Traditional Music Session

**The first and third THURSDAY night beginning at 8 pm.**

All are welcomed to participate by playing, dancing or just enjoying the music. Admission is **FREE** and open to all members of Clan Craic and their guests

Stop by any first and third THURSDAY night OF THE MONTH.! Cold frothy refreshments are always available.

**Welcome to the Clan!** We have created a non-profit, cultural wing that will be known as

## Clan Craic

It will host all our events as private function fundraisers. This will allow us to offer food and beverages to our "members" in the least complicated way.

**Only our patrons** that are on our email list will be allowed to attend and partake of the concerts, live theater, classes, music sessions, readings, televised sporting events and refreshments available.

There is no cost to join, **you don't have to do anything**, your email is your membership pass to Clan Craic. If you know anyone that would like to join the Clan, have them stop by the shop or just email us at [joinclanraic@gmail.com](mailto:joinclanraic@gmail.com).

**The Wren Theater** *Hollywood's Biggest Small Theater*, a performance space that can seat up to 40 people has been added to the

Irish Import Shop  
742 Vine Street  
Hollywood California 90038  
323-467-6714 ([irishimportshop@hotmail.com](mailto:irishimportshop@hotmail.com))

**Christmas Goodies have started arriving!!!!**

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## **KERRY IRISH PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS**

2018 Tour of An Irish Christmas is coming to Southern California

Monday, **November 26, 2018 at 8 p.m.**  
Irvine Barclay Theatre  
4242 Campus Drive, Irvine, CA 92612  
**(949) 864-4646**

Friday, **November 30, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.**  
The Bakersfield Fox Theater  
2001 H. Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301  
**(661) 324-1369**

Wednesday, **December 12, 2018 at 8 p.m.**  
Lobero Theatre  
33 E. Canon Perdido St., Santa Barbara, CA  
93101  
**(805) 963-0761**

**CATERINA COYNE**  
**TYLER SCHWARTZ**  
**CONNOR REIDER**

### **2 Performances:**

Thursday, **December 13** & Friday, **December 14, 2018** at 7:30 p.m.  
Scherr Forum Theatre, Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza  
2100 E. Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362  
**(805) 449-2787**

### **2 Performances:**

Saturday, **December 15, 2018 Matinee at 2 p.m.**  
Saturday, **December 15, 2018 Evening at 7 p.m.**  
Clark Center  
487 Fair Oaks Avenue, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420  
**(805) 489-4196**

An Irish Christmas, features an award-winning cast of Irish dancers led by Caterina Coyne, (Principal dancer, Riverdance), World Champion Dancer Tyler Schwartz and Connor Reider (Principal dancer Celtic Fyre, St. Patrick's Day in Ireland. The Chieftains), as well as members of the Kerry Dance Troupe, The Kerry Voice Squad and the Kerry Traditional Orchestra in a memorable night that sparkles with the charm and magic that only this festive time of year can bring.

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# Anne Yvonne Grehan-Meadows

In Loving Memory

July 26, 1941— October 31, 2018

**Anne Yvonne** passed away peacefully at her home, with her loving husband, Paul - by her side. "Yvonne" was born in Dublin, Ireland on July 26, 1941 to Stephen and May Byrne. She leaves behind Paul, 3 children: Andrea, Michael, and Tyrone; 8 grandchildren: Brady, Tara, McNeal, Shane, Brock, Rhett, Darby, and Aidan, and 3 great grandchildren: Claire, Charlotte, and Brenna, 3 siblings: Celine, Kieron, and Anthony, cousins, nieces, nephews; great and otherwise, fans, friends, and followers - from far and wide - going back "donkey's years". She was predeceased by her mother and father, most beloved sister, Imelda, brothers: Stephen, Morris, and Alan, among other beloved kin.



Yvonne made an impression on everyone with whom she interacted; you could not miss her; larger than life; a real celebrity! She spent her early years in Dublin; before she was 15, she graduated with honors from Marino Secondary School & earned a secretarial scholarship, 1 of only 2 in the graduation class. Yvonne immigrated to the U.S. in 1965, with husband, Michael, daughter, Andrea and son Michael; Tyrone was born here in the USA just a few years later attending the famous Rose Parade at only 17 days old. Yvonne was never one to miss out on the fun -or having material for a future story.

As a proud immigrant, she went on to hone and master a variety of administrative skills - skills that would serve her well throughout her life - professionally and personally. She accumulated a number of credentials: an AA Degree, Real Estate, and Notary licenses, among others. She was an expert "short-hand" writer and could type 100 words per minute (!) on the old, manual "Royal" Typewriter. Her American- born son, Tyrone, knows her speed as well - on foot. The neighbors were never the same after Mom was seen sprinting down the road after him - she caught him of course. Good training for his own

future soccer accomplishments!

Yvonne worked as a Trust officer at Citizens Bank/Pasadena, for many years. She later worked as THE Administrative Assistant to the President and CEO of Santa Fe International; a Kuwaiti owned, California based oil company. During the first Iraq incursion into Kuwait in the early 1990's, she was often called upon to field media contacts and communicate with Kuwaiti Royal Family members; she eased logistical and administrative chaos - at a most chaotic time. She orchestrated board meetings for high level members including former U.S. President, Gerald Ford, and former National Security Advisor, Brent Scowcroft. She handled her duties with professionalism and flair. Never one to pass up an opportunity to perform or show off her Irish pride; she entertained those board members including former Pres. Gerald Ford in full St Patrick's Day Leprechaun garb. Yvonne's last

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professional role saw her as a legal secretary with O'Melveny & Myers; one of the oldest and largest law firms in the country.

Yvonne's final, most rewarding role was as a uniformed "soldier" in God's Army - The Salvation Army. Assigned to the California South Division and operating out of the Pasadena Tabernacle Corp, Yvonne, and husband Paul, made a difference in the experiences of countless visitors and people enrolled in the Adult Rehabilitation Centers. For nearly 2 decades, she served as greeter, energetic worshipper, and compassionate consoler. She embraced whole-heartedly her "mantra": "Be Kind, Be Caring" & "What Would Jesus Do?" She was a lover of life! Yvonne was a remarkable wife, sister, daughter, cousin, and auntie. She was a friend; an unforgettable friend. She was a mom - the best mom. More than any other accomplishment, Motherhood she mastered! Anne Yvonne is home - May God Rest You!

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*From: Tom and the Irish Center Committee*

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# **CHRISTMAS CONCERT TICKETS**

## **Grace Community Church**

### **(Free tickets)**

### **December 20 — 23, 2018**

Our **2018 Christmas Concert** will be held on:

Thursday, December 20 at 7:30  
Friday, December 21 at 7:30  
Saturday, December 22 at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday, December 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Confirmed participants: Worship Choir, Symphonic Orchestra, Children's Choir, Handbell Choir, Men's Quartet; and soloists Diane Brown, Grace Chung, Christian Ebner, John & Lisa Martin, Christopher Parkening, James Phillipps, Jubilant Sykes, Philip Webb, Kory Welch.

**Free tickets** are now available, and may be obtained three ways:

- on Sundays after both morning services on the patio
- from the church receptionist Monday through Friday, 8 to 5
- or by sending a #10, self-addressed, stamped envelope with the date and number of tickets you will use to

**Concert Tickets**  
**Grace Community Church**  
**13248 Roscoe Blvd.**  
**Sun Valley, California 91352**

To guarantee you receive your tickets on time, **we must receive your ticket order by December 7, 2018.**

If you have any questions, email the [Christmas Concert Office](#), or call (818) 909-5670.

**Note: This is an excellent show. To view previous Concerts go to their website. Have your tickets ahead of the date and be there early.**

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