



The Irish Center of Southern California Inc., is a 503 c (3) Not for Profit Corporation. Our tax ID is 95-4442397. We are a fundraising group with no “paid” staff. Our primary aim is to acquire a multi-purpose facility including theater, library, social hall, meeting rooms etc. The mailing address is 1931 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale. CA 91201.

If you have “any news” re graduations, births, weddings, deaths, relocating etc please send to: tomirishhour@msn.com.

If you know anyone who would like to receive this newsletter and doesn't have a computer we will send by U S Mail. Let us know. This goes to over 2500 email addresses.



Saturday, 2nd May. “Visions from Cape Breton and Beyond” ---Natalie MacMaster & Donnell Leahy headline the show at Valley Performing Arts Center, CSUN. Starts at 8 pm.

“Natalie MacMaster is the most dynamic performer in Celtic music today” —Boston Herald. Visit: www.valleyperformingartscenter.org.

Box Office (818 677 3000) is open 10 am –4 pm, Tuesday thru Saturday.

Sunday, 3rd May. The Irish Center's informal “get together luncheon” will be held at the Angeles National Golf Club, 9401 Foothill Blvd., Sunland, CA 91040. Telephone # 818 951 8771. Let's meet at 12.45 pm. Free parking & wheelchair access. Bring your children. (Half price). The brunch includes lunch (salads, shrimp, beef, sausages, omelets, etc) coffee or iced tea, dessert (a variety) tax & gratuity. All for \$25.

Always fun, good food, good company+ singing etc. Remember, the brunch starts at 1 pm. Call Bridget Hana at 818 249 7911 for reservations.

Tuesday, 5th May at 9.30 am, Friends of Ireland monthly breakfast at Katella Restaurant, 4470 Katella Ave, Los Alamitos, CA 90720.

RSVP Pete Walsh, 714 200 7365 or pbeireanua@att.net

Tuesday, 5th May. Irish rock band, Kodaline (from Dublin), will be in concert at The Wiltern, 3790 Wiltshire Blvd, Los Angeles. 90010. Admission \$25.00. (not including service fees).

Info and tickets: www.wiltern.com; Ticketmaster or charge by phone: 1.800 745 3000.

Kodaline official website - <http://www.kodaline.com/us-splash/>



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Saturday. 9th May. The tenth annual "Dancing for the World" dinner and dance at 6.30 pm at Glendale Civic Auditorium, 1401 N. Verdugo Road, Glendale 91208. This is always a fun evening. Donation \$40. –For the benefit of the Columban Missionaries.

Information and reservations: Call Anna at the Columban Fathers—323 665 4289

May 9th and 10th – St. Ambrose Spring Feis at the Sheraton Fairplex Pomona Hotel. Championship dance competitions on Saturday 8am to 5pm; Non championship, adult and team events Sunday 8am to 5pm. No admission charge to the public. www.clearyirishdance.com

Sunday. 10th May. Irish Social from 2 pm to 6 pm at St Cornelius Church hall, 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach. 90808. Our thanks to the pastor, Fr Michael Gleeson.

As Sister Alicia says "please come and bring a friend". Good food, good music, good conversation, singing & dancing.

Monday. 11th May at 8 pm at Coffee Gallery Backstage, 2029 N. Lake, Altadena. FRANKIE GAVIN, from Galway,....Guinness book of records holder as "The Fastest Fiddle Player In The World," with his brother, All Ireland Button Accordion Player SEAN GAVIN. <http://www.allcelticmusic.com/artists/Frankie%20Gavin.html>

Admission \$20. Reservations: (626) 798-6236

Sunday. 17th May. "The Music of the Night" with Dennis McNeil at The Comedy and Magic Club, 1014 Hermosa Ave, Hermosa Beach at 7.30 pm.

General admission \$20. (2 items minimum). Dennis McNeil with Mike Farrell on the piano. Info: 310 372 1193. www.comedyandmagicclub.com.

May 29 - June 28, 2015. World Premiere. "WATERFALL"----A New Musical

Book and Lyrics by Tony Award Winner Richard Maltby Jr.

Music by Academy Award Winner David Shire.

Choreographed by Tony Award Nominee Dan Knechtges.

Directed by Tak Viravan

Featuring Emily Padgett (Broadway Revival - *SIDE SHOW*) and introducing Thai pop sensation Bie Sukrit

WATERFALL is an epic love story, set in Bangkok and Tokyo between the turbulent years of 1933 and 1939, as a monarchy falls in Thailand and Japan moves to the brink of war. A young Thai student falls in love with the American wife of a Thai diplomat, and the story of their forbidden love parallels history as the new democracy of Siam moves into the vortex of the increasingly anti-American Japan. With a gloriously romantic score, *WATERFALL* is a



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modern love story of timeless scale. Tickets are available [online](http://PasadenaPlayhouse.org) at PasadenaPlayhouse.org or by calling 626-356-7529.

Save 20% on tickets by using Code W F 20.

The Pasadena Playhouse, 39 South El Molino, Pasadena, CA 91101

Noble, in US Theaters May 8th, stars Deirdre O'Kane (MOONE BOY, PATHS TO FREEDOM), Brendan Coyle (DOWNTON ABBEY, THE RAVEN, AILSA), Sarah Greene (THE GUARD, THE CRIPPLE OF INISHMAAN) and Liam Cunningham (GAME OF THRONES, HUNGER, SAFE HOUSE).

They broke everything but her spirit. They took everything but her dream. NOBLE, the award-winning feature film is the incredible true story of a fearless Irish heroine driven by her daring vision to escape the slums of Ireland and risk everything on the streets of Vietnam.

Winner of six U.S. film festival awards, including the Panavision Spirit Award at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival, the powerful biopic drama written and directed by Stephen Bradley is heralded by critics as "raw and genuinely powerful," "captivating" and "moving." The Hollywood Reporter calls it "a joyful and rousing affirmation of the human spirit that will resound widely."



8th May—28th May. Spring Exhibition by Women Painters West at Center Gallery, 1100 West Clark Ave, Burbank. CA 91506. Phone 818 238 5397.

Two paintings by Brenda Welsh have been selected for this Exhibition.

Open Monday—Thursday 9am-9pm; Friday 9am-7pm; Saturday 9am-1pm;



“Celtic Cries” –Author Greta McLaughlin.

An Irish historical fiction novel, set in 1899, CELTIC CRIES, is now on AMAZON.COM. The book has received 5 STAR REVIEWS and you can READ THE FIRST CHAPTER FREE ONLINE! The story sweeps through India, Ireland, Scotland, and finally America. Filled with Irish culture and intriguing characters struggling after the Great Hunger; it focuses on the family of four McKeon brothers, with James McKeon, the main character, an angry young man who is quick with his fists ... to fight back the world!



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This tale is a microcosm of lives and events intertwined. The tapestry of characters that involve passionate love, gun smuggling, personal conflicts, hidden secrets, strong religious backgrounds and centuries' old hatreds ... move through a whirlwind of history! The finality of immigration into America offers new challenges, fighting religious discrimination, gaining employment, etc., but eventually emerges into a triumph of victory for man



James Charles' inspiring and achingly personal memoir "Becoming Unique". A good part of the book is set in County Leitrim. "Becoming Unique" is a moving and informative account of one man's journey towards Autism Spectrum Disorder. Whilst delivering practical and constructive advice for those living with autism, Charles also examines the positive attributes of the disorder, which he calls a diffability. Becoming Unique is also a story of faith, as James examined his relationship with God and how he made peace with his diagnosis. A rare and valuable first-person narrative about living with autism, James Charles' story will stay with the reader forever. You can purchase it here: http://www.amazon.com/Becoming-Unique-James-Charles/dp/1909477907/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1428945500&sr=8-1&keywords=becoming+unique

Mary Pat Kelly's second novel in her Irish Trilogy, "Of Irish Blood", is a riveting novel that brings the heroines of the Irish Revolution to vivid life...a great read and a wonderful addition to every Irish-American's library." - Patrica Harty, Co-founder/ Editor-in-Chief of *Irish American Magazine*. "Kelly is a wonderful, creative, and intelligent writer who's endowed with a sense of humor." - Malachy McCourt.

In the first installment, "Galway Bay", heroine Honora Kelly sets out for "Amerikay" fleeing the tyranny and devastation of the Great Starvation. She raises her family in late nineteenth century Chicago. In "Of Irish Blood" granddaughter and namesake, Nora, is forced to flee her home and finds refuge in pre-World War One Paris. There she rediscovers her "Irish blood" and joins the struggle to free Ireland. "Of Irish Blood" is available in hardback at bookstores, Amazon.com and in eBook format. Galway Bay is available in paperback. Go to marypatkellytour.com for book signing tour details.



Michael Collins born in Tipperary new Irish author, now based in Manchester,
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Calendar items: Monthly adult ceili class from 7pm to 9pm the last Friday of every month at The Mag Studio, 173 W. Magnolia Blvd., Unit 103, Burbank, CA 91502. No partners or experience necessary. All are welcome. \$15 drop in class fee. www.clearyirishdance.com.

Saturday. 13th June 11.00am to 12 noon. . Joe Praml will read selections from James Joyce's novel *Ulysses*, one of the great novels of the 20th century. It was banned in the UK until the 1930s and in the US until 1933. Joe Praml's love and enthusiasm for the novel, its characters, and Dublin, bring out the ribald comedy of *Ulysses*. Porter Ranch Branch Library, 11371 Tampa Ave., Porter Ranch, CA 91326; Tel: (818) 360-5706. www.lapl.org/branches/porter-ranch and www.joepraml.com.

May 1st—May 3rd

Irish Immersion Weekend

Co sponsored by the Celtic Arts Center

Celebrate Bealtaine with an
Irish Immersion Weekend
in the heart of Los Angeles.

Refreshments, Chat, Music, and of course, Language. Saturday night we'll have a Céili.

Friday May 1 - Sunday May 3
3807 Wilshire Blvd. #600
Los Angeles, CA 90010

\$200 includes tuition and meals

Please [register here](#) or [visit the website](#) for all the info

Web Info: lagaeilge.wordpress.com E-mail: branwyn@mac.com Phone: 818-458-5337



RTÉ Launches New Global Online Irish Television Service for International Audiences

500 hours of unique Irish content now available for audiences worldwide

Watch the RTÉ Player International Promo Video <http://bit.ly/1FSJzbl>

Wednesday, 4th March 2015: Ireland just got a lot closer for the hundreds of thousands of Irish people living abroad, with RTÉ today unveiling a new global online Irish television service for international audiences. The new service, RTÉ Player International, which launched today on iOS, provides a new online television offering to international audiences (outside of Ireland) with 500 hours of free and paid-for Irish television content, including just-aired television content refreshed daily.

This development greatly strengthens RTÉ's digital service offering to international audiences, which currently spans a range of online products including RTÉ.ie, GAAGO, RTÉ News Now, RTÉjr, RTÉ Radio Player and RTÉ Archives. Combined, these services attract an average of 2.2 million unique international browsers per month.

At the time of launch, the RTÉ Player International iPad and iPhone app has over 500 hours of Irish television content, including just-aired TV programmes, box sets and collections featuring some of Ireland's most popular shows, such as *The Late Late Show*, *Six One News*, *Prime Time*, *Nationwide* and *The Saturday Night Show*, which will be free, and *Callan's Kick's*, *Second Captains Live*, *The Meaning of Life*, which are part of the paid-for content offering (see Notes to Editors for more).

Spanning RTÉ News and Current Affairs, drama, comedy, entertainment, documentaries, lifestyle, Irish-language and kids content, the content offering will continue to expand with new programmes added regularly. The app will also feature editorially selected collections of content, themed around events, seasons, genres and people to bring a unique selection of contemporary and classic Irish television to audiences internationally.

RTÉ Player International will be a 'freemium' offering. This means that audiences will be able to download the app for free and access 100 hours of free content, refreshed daily. The full content offering can be accessed and watched free of advertising for a monthly subscription of €8.99 (\$8.99/£6.99) through the App Store. This subscription helps to cover the cost of securing the international rights for the content and for delivering this premium quality video-on-demand service.

For more visit www.rte.ie/playerinternational The new app for international audiences (outside of Ireland) can be downloaded from the App Store

<https://itunes.apple.com/app/rte>



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From M.Finbar Hill,
Hon. Consul General of Ireland,

1. Ethiopian airlines have been persuaded to extend their special introductory fare to Ireland of less than \$1000 return for reservations made prior to the end of June 2015.

Flights commence on June 20 and shall operate 3 days per week direct non stop from LAX to Dublin.

Return flights are also nonstop Dublin to LAX.

The Aircraft is Boeing's new Dreamliner.

2. Special Olympics

The Special Olympics are seeking volunteers and supporters to attend the events and support the athletes not only the 100 plus Irish Athletes taking part but the over 3000 athletes in total.

If you are willing to volunteer please email the Irish Consulate General in the first instance at irishconsulatela@gmail.com.



Congratulations to:

Noel and Allison Donnan on the birth of their daughter Kenzie who arrived on 1st April weighing 7 lbs 1 oz. Kenzie has a sister Kayla eight years old and a brother Landon four years old.

Grandma Ina (Quigley) left Arcadia on 29th March to be with her family in Australia for the wonderful event



Prayers and good wishes to our friends who "are a bit under the weather"—

Carmel Hill in Huntington Beach; Noel Neeson in North Hollywood; Collette Brady in La Canada;

Wednesday 15th July at 7.30 pm. "Dancing with the Stars: Live!"---

All-Stars Champion Melissa Rycroft Headlines Tour Dancing, with Witney Carson, Valentin Chmerkovskiy, Artem Chigvintsev, Keo Motsepe, Peta Murgatroyd and Emma Slater. Tickets from \$49.

Segerstrom Center for the Arts (600 Town Center Drive, Costa Mesa). Info: 714 556 2787.



Our condolences to the families who have lost loved ones---

Michael Heffernan was born on 26th May 1929 in Ballylongford (near Listowel), Co Kerry and passed away on 3rd April 2015 in Granada Hills.

For over thirty years Michael worked at MGM studios. He was well respected. He was an Academy Award Winning Cinetechician.

Michael met Patricia Swarbrick at a St Patrick's Celebration at St Elizabeth's Church, Van Nuys. They were married on 20th July 1963.

Michael retired in 1994. He enjoyed the outdoors especially fishing.

Michael is survived by his wife Patricia; son, Brian (and fiancée Jennifer Prueter); daughter Michele and husband Christopher Corcoran in Waltham, MA; and three grandchildren: Emma Heffernan, and Clara and Brendan Corcoran.

Services for Michael Heffernan took place at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Northridge.



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To the best of our knowledge the information provided in this newsletter is correct but please check to finalize event dates etc.



Happy 
Mother's
Day