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We are a fundraising group with no "paid" staff. Our primary aim is to acquire a multipurpose facility including a theater, library, social hall, meeting rooms etc.

If you have "any news" re graduations, births, weddings, deaths, relocating etc. please send to: tomirishhour@msn.com. Our address is 1931 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale. CA 91201. If you know anyone who would like to receive this newsletter and doesn't have a computer we will send by post. Let us know. This goes to over 2800 email 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): Rev Monsignor Sean B. Flanagan, Terry N. McConville, Mission Hills, Kevin & Julia Dixon, La Canada.



Sunday. 6th November at 1 pm at --- NEW LOCATION --- Hill Street Café, 3301 N. Glenoaks Blvd., Burbank. Irish Center's monthly "get- to- gether- at- Hill- Street." Easy to find, between Hollywood Way and Buena Vista on Glenoaks. (Right next to St Leon's Cathedral). Hill Street telephone 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 lunch—and pay yourself.

Please do make reservations by calling Bridget Hana at 818 249 7911.

Sunday. 13th November. Irish Social from 2 pm to 6 pm at St Cornelius Church hall, 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach. 90808. Good food, good music, good conversation, singing and dancing. FREE. Our thanks to the pastor, Fr Michael Gleeson.

The organizer, Sister Alicia from Castleblaney, says "Please come and bring a friend".

It is with joy and sadness that I am now officially retired! The Irish Import Shop has a new owner, Thom MacNamara. After fifteen years, the torch has been passed. I have met many wonderful people over the years and I will truly miss the day-to-day contact of my brilliant customers. Wishing all of you the very best of luck, and I know that the store is in great hands. Best regards, Anne, formerly of: Irish Import Shop, 742 N. Vine Street, Hollywood, CA 90038 Phone: 323 - 467-6714. Email: <u>irishimportshop@hotmail.com</u>; website: <u>irishimportshop.com</u>.

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#### Mark your Calendar For the Irish Center Annual St. Patricks' Day Dinner Dance March 11,2017

#### **NOVEMBER 2016 BIRTHDAYS**

- 2. Anna O'Shea, Margaret Peacock
- 5. Rose Cox King, Colleen Driscoll
- 6. Kathleen Kiernan Bowman, Sheila Dempsey, Lisa Crossan Lambert, Mike Daly, Pauline Kiernan
- 7. Patricia McCoy
- 9. Dennie Nolan
- 10. Padraig Pearse, Nick Moran
- 11. William Sullivan, Jack Smith, Paul Sullivan.
- 12. Eamonn Fane, Rebecca Thompson, Vincent Loughnane Jr.
- 13. John Garvey, Nick Moran
- 14. Fiona Talbot, Deirdre Reilly, Philomena Doherty
- 16. Sean Culligan, Karen Casey
- 17. Lois Kane, Michael McGee, Geraldine McWeeney, Mikyla Kelly Pirstzuk
- 18. Elizabeth Mitchell, Ryan Andrew Potter
- 20. Jean Mohasci, Michael Grady
- 21. Dominick McNelis, Aveen and Kevin Clarke
- 23. John Doherty, Celine Walker, Riley Jameson Miller, Gale O'Connor, Wilma Wilson, Babe Nagle, Rosemarie Murphy, Marcella Hunt, Kirsten Anderson
- 24. John Grady, Steven Murphy Miller, Jim Tighe
- 26. Sinead Mulvey, Colin O'Connor
- 27. Anne Torley
- 28. Mary Brannigan Cahill, Linda Knowlton
- 29. Fr Jerry O'Brien, Ross Cutshaw
- 30. Noel Mulvey, Thomas Michael Clifford.

#### **NOVEMBER 2016 ANNIVERSARIES**

- 15. Gary & Eileen Crossan.
- 16. Michael & Noreen Daly.
- 21. Paul & Anne Raleigh Carson
- 23. Patrick & Carrie Schaefer Weston.
- 26. John & Mary O'Connor.
- 29. John & Colleen Dilloughery.
- 30. Eamon & Sylvia Fitzgerald.
- 28. Danny & Kathleen Nagle Guiney

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



Sheila Dixon (nee Close) passed away peacefully in Seal Beach, on May 3rd, 2016, after an extended illness.

Sheila was born to Joseph Close of Seapatrick village and Sarah Jane Close (nee Arlow) of Banbridge on November 20, 1926. She was predeceased by her brother John Joseph (Joe) Close of Banning, in 2012 and is survived by her sister Marilyn (Lynne) Fisher Seltzer of Carson City, Nevada. Sheila is also survived by two sons: John (and Clover) Dixon of Bellingham, Washington, Kevin (and Julia) Dixon of La Canada; and daughter: Saralyn (and Brian) Hannon of Long Beach; and grandchildren Melanie, Ryan, Athena, Sean, Janel, Drew and Kyle; and nephews and nieces Michael, Aaron, and Sarah.

She and her brother Joe grew up on Rathfriland Street surrounded by friends and family. She often reflected fondly upon her upbringing in Banbridge and it was truly her heart's home. As a teen, her father was stationed in London, during the The Blitz and the family lived there, surviving the daily aerial assaults of Hitler in the bomb shelters. During this time sister Lynne was born and, after the war, the family emigrated to Toronto, Canada where Sheila enjoyed her young adult years with many friends. It was there where she met John Dixon who had also previously emigrated from Northern Ireland, hailing from Cullybackey outside Ballymena. They were married in Niagara Falls, and the newlyweds emigrated to the United States, settling in Burbank, where they bought a home and raised three children; John, Kev-in, and Saralyn. Sheila was a resident of Burbank for 50 years.

Sheila was a longtime employee of the County of Los Angeles' Public Defender's Office where she worked her way up from a Stenographer to Executive Legal Secretary by the end of her career, earning a Proclamation from the County of Los Angeles for her many years of service.

Sheila loved to travel and instilled this value in her children as they have all enjoyed many trips back to the "Old Country" to enjoy the country as well as the many friends and family who remain there.

While Sheila was a proud American citizen, she remained an ardent expatriate as well, being a longtime member of the Mayflower Club of Burbank and later the Britannia Club of Leisure World in Seal Beach, California where she spent her later years. This love of the Old Country also carried on to her children and grandchildren as they have been and are involved in local Irish music bands and competitive Irish Dance.

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**Maureen Quinn** passed away on September 10th at a Dublin hospital. She resided between Drumcondra and North Hollywood during her retirement years.

She is survived by her brother Dermot, a sister-in-law Bernadette, her niece Ciara, her nephew Fintan and their families.

Maureen will be missed by her friends in Los Angeles. May she R.I.P. The news came from her brother Dermot in Dublin



Hon. Michael J. Farrell, retired judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court, died peaceably at home on October 16, 2016. He was born on March 9, 1938 in New York City, the son of Irish immigrants: Michael J. and Elizabeth (McQuade) Farrell. Michael completed fifth grade in the Bronx before the family moved to Los Angeles in 1948.

Michael was a graduate of Loyola High School. He studied engineering for a year at Loyola University and then served in the California National Guard. He graduated from U.C.L.A, and Loyola Law School, and was admitted to the California Bar in 1966. His initial legal jobs included Early

Maslach and Hunt and Finn. Later he worked as an attorney for Global Marine, Inc. in Los Angeles, and for five years in the Philippines with his family.

In 1985 he was named U.S. Trustee in Bankruptcy for the Central District of California by U.S. Attorney General Ed Meese. Governor George Deukmejian appointed Michael to the Municipal Court in 1986 and within two years elevated him to the Superior Court. He served primarily in the San Fernando Valley where for two years he was Supervising Judge of the Van Nuys District.

Michael was active in various bar associations and on court committees. He co-founded the Irish American Bar Association in 1980. He was an active and devout Catholic.

In January of 2016, he celebrated his fiftieth wedding anniversary with the love of his life Susan (Finley) Farrell. He is survived by his wife Susan and his five children: Michael Sean Farrell, Erin Mansoor, Colleen Ehrlich, Kathleen Dupin, Kevin Farrell, their spouses, and twelve grandchildren: Luke, Grace, and Katie Mansoor; Fiona, Scott, and James Ehrlich; Sean and Vincent Farrell; Colin and Faith Dupin; and Lucia and Michael Farrell. He is also survived by his brother John Farrell and his sister Mary Cancel, and by numerous nieces

Sister Margaret O'Rourke entered into eternal life on Sunday, September 25, 2016 after an extended illness. She was born in Knocknagoshel, County Kerry on January 23, 1932 to Michael and Teresa O'Rourke, the third of four children. She is survived by her brother Pascal and numerous nephews and nieces. An excellent and wholehearted educator, Margaret taught in schools in the Los Angeles Archdiocese (Our Lady of Peace, North Hills; St. Paul the Apostle, Westwood; Our Lady of the Rosary, Paramount). She also served as Supervisor of the Department of Education in the Archdiocese of San Francisco and as teacher at St. Michael School, Daly City. Her term on the Congregational Leadership Team of the Daughters of Mary and Joseph was marked by dedication and genuine caring. In 1982, Margaret was missioned to Uganda where she spent 14 years. On her return she served as Parish Sister at St.Athanasius, Long Beach. In retirement she volunteered at SAVES, St. Augustine Church, Culver City. Margaret's full life was influenced by her great concern for justice, especially for people on the margins. We are deeply grateful to the doctors, nurses and staff at Torrance Memorial Hospial and to the Hospice staff and caregivers at Marian Residence. Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, Oct. 12.

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James John Curran, a 25-year resident of Torrance, passed away on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 in Torrance. Born on February 15, 1928 in County Kildare, James was still a baby when he and his parents James and Josephine Curran and three older siblings, immigrated to America via Ellis Island and settled in the Bronx, New York.

James was very proud of his Bronx upbringing and told endless stories of arriving six hours early for Yankee games and playing stickball, stoopball and jacks. At an Irish dance in 1952, he met Margaret Jane

Shivnen, who had recently arrived from Ireland. They were married in 1953, soon welcomed two children, and then moved from New York to Los Angeles, settling in Westchester.

James spent most of his career in sales for National Sanitary Supply Co in Los Angeles. With his magnetic personality, he was a very successful salesman. He retired in 1992, giving him many wonderful years to enjoy life with his wife. His greatest joys were spending time with their three grandsons and he was a regular at their sporting events and spent many hours driving them and their friends to school and practice. James and Margaret enjoyed travel too, taking many trips to visit friends and family in Ireland, New York, Toledo, and various other locations.

James is survived by his wife of 63 years, Margaret Curran, daughter and son-in-law Maureen and Fred Tafoya, daughter-in-law Carol Curran, and grandsons Brendan Curran, Derek Tafoya and Doug Tafoya. He is preceded in death by his son James Patrick Curran who passed away in July 2016.



Brother Kevin Minihan, F.S.P. of the Brothers of St. Patrick passed away October 25th only a few days after his 75th birthday.

Br. Kevin was born in San Francisco and attended the local Catholic grammar and high schools. He graduated from Fresno State University, majoring in English. He professed his vows as a Brother of St. Patrick in 1962. He had a profound love for the Congregation of the Brothers of St. Patrick

and lived his entire Religious life accordingly. At the request of his superiors, he assumed many duties in the community,

including his favorite: guest master. He simply loved meeting people, espe-

cially former students, tracing their past with them. He had a photographic memory for names. Once he met a person, he never forgot them.

### In October's newsletter announcing the passing of Tom Cronin we inadvertently omitted the following:



Tom is survived by his niece, Christina Chubb in California, his niece and godchild, Meg Epstein in Texas, two grand nieces, Olivia and Madison Decero in California, a nephew, Evan Epstein in Oklahoma and another nephew, Patrick King in Colorado. Most of his other nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews reside in Ireland.

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**Donald Augustus Ellis**, eldest son of Mary and Augustus (Gus) Ellis (deceased), was born March 11, 1957 in Brooklyn, New York, and passed to his eternal reward on September 20, 2016 at the age of 59. In his early primary years, the family, who consisted of his parents, and brothers Steve and Ken lived in a house on E. 38th Street in the Flatbush area of Brooklyn for six years. As a young child, Don enjoyed many happy days playing with his brothers in the local park, neighborhood pool, at campgrounds, and outside on snowy days. In August of 1962, Gus asked Mary this pivotal question, "Think we could sell our home and move to L.A. by November?" Receiving a promotion and with Mary's consent, the family moved to North Whittier, California, where his youngest brother Terry joined the family five years later. In November of 1974, they moved once more to Hacienda Heights, California where his mother, Mary, still resides.

During his youth, Don managed to overcome physical and educational setbacks through hard work and dedication. While living in New York, his parents noticed that he needed help with speech, balance, and vision. Patiently, he handled a number of trips to speech and balance appointments, along with one eye surgery before moving to California. When he began kindergarten in 1963 in Whittier, his teacher shared concern for his learning ability. For the next several years, Don was enrolled in classes at public and private schools that emphasized techniques of learning, with his last two years of school taking place at Wilson High School in Hacienda Heights.

Beyond his time spent at school, other interests helped Don to be successful; he excelled at swimming. When he was thirteen, Don learned to swim at the La Habra Boys Club. At sixteen, Don would ride his bike to the Whittier YMCA, where he took swimming lessons and worked off his dues by cleaning the pool. In high school, he then joined the swim team and joined a diving club in Laguna Beach. With his never-ending supply of determination, Don graduated from Wilson High School in 1976. Being extremely proud of his accomplishments, his parents gifted him a month-long trip to stay with his East Coast grandparents. While on his trip, he visited many family members; he especially loved taking the train to visit Washington, D.C., where he met a family friend, Dick Stubbing, a member of the Kennedy Cabinet, who took him on a grand tour of The White House. For the next twenty years, Don was a dedicated worker, faithful servant to their church, and a devoted family member. After high school, Don didn't wait long to start working. Traveling by bus, he worked in El Monte as a custodian, and later as a security guard. After he received his driver's license, Don drove to Sedona, Arizona to live and work with family members, Sue and Bruce Connolly, owners of the Sedona Market. There, Don was able to learn the grocery business, which later secured him a clerk position at Hacienda Heights Vons Grocery Store (1990-2013).

Don didn't just work as a means to make money, he worked to help others. Starting at St. Louis of France at a young age, then later at St. John Vianney, Don served as an altar boy during mass. As a person of strong faith, Don continued to support the church as he grew older by working at the Search Retreat and other church functions.

With his family, Don was always supportive no matter the situation; especially when it came to helping his parents or brothers. Most of all, he enjoyed having fun with his nephews, nieces, and great nieces. Don loved the little joys in life; whether it was playing and watching cartoons with the kids, listening to music, dancing, caring for animals, playing solitaire, eating chocolate, watching old movies with his father/Dodger games with his mother, or cracking a joke; he found ways to laugh and make you smile.

Starting in December of 1997, Don began the best eighteen years of his life. He was introduced to one of the greatest clubs ever: AA. Struggling through some problems, Don turned to a group of amazing men and women for help; a community of angels willing to love and support each other through the most difficult situations. They became Don's community and family. Through their support, Don was able to find himself and to truly enjoy life on a more meaningful level. He created routines that involved faithfully attending meetings, eating birthday cakes at midnight, attending conventions and group outings such as male retreats, and his trip to Lake Havasu, with his faithful friend Jon, where he even drove a boat on the lake.

Don was a dedicated, involved, and loyal friend to his community as well. As with all the people he loved, he thoughtfully and creatively figured out ways to support you. Whether it was to give you an emergency kit to

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keep you safe, a gas card if you were out of gas, a scratcher if you needed some luck, or a ride, Don specifically considered what he felt you needed the most and gave it, even if, it was just his time. He took his commitments and community seriously; such as with Harvey, *his old man*, that he would take to meetings and back home. Everyone was either a dear brother or sister.

With Brianna, he also found a close friend; a person who he could confide in, receive advice from, and go out with around the clock, attending meetings, conventions, or concerts (large venue or in the park); They spoke daily for over ten years and shared a great love of the most magical place on earth: Disneyland. Don also truly loved taking care of her animals, whom he called *his girls*.

Since June of 2013, Don's determined nature reached its pinnacle test—brain cancer. With the advent of an emergency surgery, Don lost his ability to drive or to work; thus, he was forced to retire. Through all his labs, doctor appointments, and treatments, he stayed focused and strong-willed. Although weakened by his condition, he was driven to still attend meetings by finding rides or traveling by bus. He gathered strength from his community of friends, especially Jon who was ever present; they all helped him to envision a long life beyond cancer. For a little more than three years, Don kept going, and enjoyed life.

Don was loved deeply by his family, friends, and any who had the good fortune to meet him. He is survived by his mother, Mary; his brothers: Steve, Ken, and Terry; three sisters-in-law: Melissa, Michelle, and Kathleen; three nephews: Brian, Evin, and James; four nieces: Amanda, Carolyn (deceased), Makenna, and Rebecca; Amanda's spouse, Jason, and their children: Jagger, Daylin, and Kenzie; Brian's wife Miki; and a multitude of extended family members (Ellis, Griffin, Connolly, Briggs, Gumina, and Jett families) and dear supportive friends: Brianna, Jon, and many more living angels that filled his spirit with love and kindness.

I have always known him to be a good son, but what I have learned since his illness and as his mother is that Don truly cared for others; it was his way of showing his appreciation for all the wonderful people that assisted him in his journey of life. He made some mistakes along the way in life, but would work it out through the support of prayer and retreats, making the most of his time on earth.

As in the past when he received encouragement from Msgr. O'Callaghan to assist at masses, recently, Dan White encouraged him to become an altar server and Donna McGrail mentioned that he should consider becoming an usher. Don was thrilled that the church still needed him and that they felt that he could still do the job.

I and the family would like to thank everyone who extended him a helping hand and an open heart from his early days of North Whittier through to his adult life. We would also like to thank his caregivers Debra (Mary's right hand gal), Laura P., Suzie, Elaine, and Laura F., who took great care to assist his needs physically, mentally, and spiritually. — Mary

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." — Matthew 5:16

Fr. Michael Gilseman would visit Gus and Don several times during the last four years.

Don met Fr. Mike as a youngster and when Fr. Mike would celebrate the special afternoon masses for our religion classes.



Christina Ryan Chambers (Dec.25, 1923 - Oct. 19, 2016) Christina Ryan Chambers was lifted up to Heaven at 8:34 pm on Wednesday October 19, 2016 from her hospice room with her three remaining children at her bedside at Atherton medical staff and Vitas Hospice.

Christina was born at the start of Christmas Day 1923 in Dublin while Christmas Eve mass was being sung by the nuns in the convent next door on Basin View. Christina was the 3rd child of 12 children born to Gerald Ryan and Margaret Mary McDermott Ryan. She was one of seven sisters with Lena, Rita, Ruth, Levine, Prim and Rhoda plus 5 brothers - Kit, Jerry, Ollie, Ronnie and baby Dermot. As a young teenager, the family moved to 45 Kildare Road in Crumlin. She was very active in school and church in several organizations. Christina went to work in the Polyikoff Garment Factory with her sisters at the age of 14 where she worked for 10 years. In 1944 Christina met her future husband Marcus James Chambers after the St. Patrick's Day mass. They married on Wednesday September 28, 1949 at the original St. Bernadette's Church. On November 2, 1954 Christina became a mother to Dermot Anthony Chambers.

Two years later the family moved to Toronto which Christina loved. She worked at the Campbell Soup Factory. In Toronto she gave birth to their only daughter Lorraine Christina Chambers. A year later Marcus took off ahead of the family on Route 66 to Monterey Park in Southern California. Two more sons were born, Marcus Patrick Chambers and then Paul James Chambers. The family's first home purchase was in Rosemead while Marcus established his Chambers Upholstery business in San Gabriel. A few years later the family moved to another house which is still the family home. Marcus and Christina were frequent dancers at the monthly dances for the Southern California Irish in Alhambra with St. Theresa's Church and the Ireland's Own social club. In 1969 they took the whole family for a wonderful month to Ireland. Christina was very proud of her growing family and grandchildren, Lorraine's children - Rachel and Brendan Copley, Marc's daughter Molly Chambers Sadewasser and Dermot's family, wife Heather and sons Marcus and Kevin. Christina was preceded in death by the love of her life, her husband Marcus on June 15, 2002 at age

80 after several years of diminished health and the sudden death of her son Marcus on July 11th, 2015 at age 53. Though Christina was a widow for 14 years it was the loss of a child that was the hardest.

Please send condolences and memorials cards to the family via Lorraine Chambers P O BOX 10253, Costa Mesa, CA 92627. Lorraine92627@live.com 949-378-3912

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians are inviting you to an evening with the Columban Missionaries.

You will have an opportunity to meet Father Tony Coney, one of our Irish Columbans, who has spent over 25 years working in Peru. Father Coney is visiting the U.S. to share information about his work with women and children. He facilitates programs for disabled children and runs a center for abused children in Lima, Peru. The Columban's and the LAOH have a long history together. We are asking all Hibernians and Friends to come on Tuesday November 29, 2016 at 7 PM to St Hilary's parish in Pico Rivera

LOCATION:We will be serving refreshments so please RSVP to Peggy Cornish if you will be attending. Hope to see all of you there. Please pass this invite to all who may be interested.

St Hilary's Parish, 5465 Citronell Ave., Pico Rivera. CA 90660 Email <a href="mailto:LAOHPeggy@aol.com">LAOHPeggy@aol.com</a>Date:November 29, 2016; Time: 7 to 9 PMPhone 626-331-3095

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On Saturday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, up & coming Irish boxing star Jason Quigley fights at The Forum in Inglewood, on the undercard to Bernard Hopkins v Joe Smith. Quigley, a native of Co. Donegal is based in Los Angeles and has won all 11 of his professional fights so far with 9 knockouts.



IRISH OUTREACH SAN DIEGO

Irish Outreach San Diego are running a bus from San Diego to support Jason, while the Irishman pub in Huntington Beach are organizing a bus from there. They are coordinating to form a section at the fight so all the Irish in Southern California can sit together. Tickets for this section are just \$25. Contact Irish Outreach at <u>help@irishoutreachsd.org</u> no later than November 15<sup>th</sup> with any queries if you are interested in getting a ticket for this section for what promises to be a great night out with all the Irish in the region cheering Jason to victory.

Each year Irish Outreach assists between 100-150 Irish people on the 1 year graduate visa. All have either a bachelor's degree or a masters. Participants arrive all year round but October is a particularly busy month for new arrivals on this visa. We would love to hear from you if you have any suitable employment/intern opportunities available.

Specifically designed for those who have recently completed university, the Graduate Visa allows participants to spend up to 12 months in the United States gaining experience in their field of study. The purpose of the program is to provide opportunity to valuable exposure to US workplace for recent graduates, as well as fantastic life experience. The program is seen as a vital modern continuance of the historic relationship between Ireland and America. This is a reciprocal arrangement between the U.S and Irish Governments providing similar opportunity for recent American graduates to work in Ireland.

Some of the most common degrees Graduate Visa holders in San Diego possess include Engineering, Business & Marketing, Information Technology, and across the Science fields.

Irish graduates on this visa have consistently impressed American employers and have been positive assets to companies with their enterprising attitudes, strong work ethic, and interpersonal skills.

The position must relate to their field of study to satisfy the criteria of the visa.

If your company or one you know may have opportunities for Irish graduates, Irish Outreach would be very pleased to assist you in finding the perfect candidates. We can refer potential candidates and make introductions, forward resumes, and answer any questions you may have about the Graduate Visa program.

Any assistance is very much appreciated, please get in contact with us at help@irishoutreachsd.org or by calling 619 - 291 - 1630. Is mise le meas,

**Stephen Ahern** 

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Be SAT Wise, a low-cost highly effective SAT & ACT Prep Company run by Gemma Nohilly and a group of HS Teachers offer Classes & Weekend Boot Camps in the Inland Empire and Fullerton. For information: www.beSATwise.com or call 951 781 9802.88

If you are interested in getting married in Ireland here is a website you should check out: <u>www.celebrant-services-ni.co.uk</u>. Julie Antonette is based in Belfast and covers all Ireland.

The Celtic Arts Center meets every Monday evening at the Mayflower Club, 11110 Victory Blvd, North Hollywood. (Just west of Vineland).

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



Contact: Matthew Nevin - matthew@mart.ie - Tel: +353 861654610

MART curators Matthew Nevin & Ciara Scanlan, in support from <u>Culture Ireland</u>, are delighted to present 'Activating Pangea: The Voyage', an exhibition of leading Irish Visual Artists <u>Brian Duggan</u> & <u>Adam Gibney</u> in <u>CB1</u> <u>Gallery</u> Los Angeles - Opening Nov 5th @ 3pm

Preview: Saturday November 5th @ 3pm

Runs to: December 4th Open: Wed-Sat: 10 - 5pm + Sun: 12 - 4pm Address: <u>CB1 Gallery</u>, 1923 S Santa Fe Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90021.

#### 'Activating Pangea: The Voyage'

Dublin based curators Matthew Nevin & Ciara Scanlan of <u>MART</u> have embarked on a three year initiative to bring leading and emerging contemporary Irish art to Los Angeles through their series 'Activating Pangea'. This the second exhibition in the series titled ''Activating Pangea: The Voyage' showcases recent work by Irish Artists Brian Duggan and Adam Gibney, reflecting on geopolitics over time and space, as we transverse language and negotiate real and imagined places in a global context. The artworks crossing in the gallery are Adam Gibney's 'Euclid, I miss you...' and Brian Duggan's 'A Cause for concern but not alarm'.

#### A REMINDER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR NOVEMBER 6, 2016

#### Happy Thanksgiving From The Irish Center





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#### World Champion Irish Dancers Scott Doherty and Tyler Schwartz star in An Irish Christas!

Irvine Barclay Theatre 4242 Campus Drive, Irvine CA www.thebarclay.org | 949.854.4646

#### An Irish Christmas

Monday, November 28, 2016 @ 8:00 PM

Tickets: \$36-\$75 (An event good for all ages)

An extraordinary coming together of two of the greatest dancers in the modern world of Irish dance: World Champion Irish Dancers, Scott Doherty (*Riverdance & Lord of the Dance*) and Tyler Schwartz (*Magic of the Dance, Gaelforce Dance, & Celtic Fyre*), star in *An Irish Christmas*!





Joe Praml reads Dylan Thomas' play for voices *Under Milk Wood*: Sat., Nov. 19, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. At Donald Bruce Kaufman-Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vicente Blvd, LA 90049; 310 575-8273; free parking. The Library is presenting Joe Praml's performance reading of selections from the great Welsh poet's play for voices. *Under Milk Wood* is a humorous sometimes profound look into the dreams, aspirations and disappointments of the colorful inhabitants of a fictional seaside village in Wales. This reading is part of the annual world-wide Dylan Thomas Festival. Joe Praml, a former London-based stage actor, is a member of British Equity and SAG/AFTRA. He is an international member of the Dylan Thomas, and the International James Joyce Foundation. See <u>http://www.joepraml.com/</u>





Save 20% on Tickets Use Code: <u>ACCE</u> December 8 – January 8, 2017 The Pasadena Playhouse Presents Lythgoe Family Panto's A CINDERELLA CHRISTMAS

Book by **Kris Lythgoe** Directed by **Bonnie Lythgoe** Musical Direction by **Michael Orland** Choreography by **Spencer Liff** 

Panto at The Playhouse, now in its fifth year, has become a "must-do" holiday tradition for Southern California residents. *A Cinderella Christmas* is the latest Holiday Spectacular presented by The Pasadena Playhouse and Lythgoe Fam-

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ily Panto in the style of the traditional British Panto. A Panto is interactive holiday fun for all ages, and the timeless tale of Cinderella will feature comedy, dancers from "So You Think You Can Dance" and contemporary music from Taylor Swift to the Bee Gees. Panto at The Playhouse productions have featured luminaries from the worlds of music, theatre and television, including Sabrina Carpenter, John O' Hurley, Ariana Grande, Ben Vereen, Olivia Holt and Lucy Lawless. This year's stunning production will star Lauren Taylor (DISNEY's "Best Friends Whenever") as Cinderella and Alex Newell (FOX's "Glee") as The Fairy 47Godperson.

#### Tickets may be purchased online or by calling 626-356-7529.

\*USE CODE ACCE to receive 20% off tickets to A Cinderella Christmas at The Pasadena Playhouse. Offer is good on all performances and all seats excluding ROW C and HOT SEATS (Row R,S & HH).Cannot be combined with previous offers. Previous purchases cannot be adjusted to include offer. This offer expires January 8, 2016



Falcon Theatre presents Troubadour Theater Company's

#### **LITTLE DRUMMER BOWIE** A Musical Parody of Biblical Proportions

BURBANK, CA (October 12, 2016) – Ovation Award-winners and Troubadour Theater Company favorites Rick Batalla, Lisa Valenzuela and Beth Kennedy reunite with long-time 'Troubie' Joseph Leo Bwarie in *Little Drummer Bowie* after his Broadway run as Frankie Valli in the Tony Award-winning musical *Jersey Boys*. Artistic Director and founder, Matt Walker, will co-direct the musical parody with Bwarie. Changing the rules to their own game, the 'Troubies' and some 'newbies' return to the Falcon Theatre this holiday season to pay tribute to the late, great David Bowie in a fully reimagined production of their infamous theatrical mash-up, *Little Drummer Bowie*.

The company, known for marrying classic source material with legendary music will spoof the 1960's television special, *The Little Drummer Boy*, and Bowie's iconic glam rock sound, offering a theatrical event sure to dazzle all and surprise even the most knowing 'Troubie' fan.

This laugh-out-loud musical parody finds our "Heroes" in a heartwarming tale of family, forgiveness and "Changes," resulting in the ultimate discovery for all seasons: "Modern Love" lives inside.

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In addition to Batalla, Bwarie, Kennedy and Valenzuela, the cast will include: Riccardo Berdini, Katie DeShan, Katie Kitani, Niles Rivers and Cloie Wyatt Taylor with choreography by Jordana Toback and musical direction & arrangements by Eric Heinly.

The design team includes Christopher Scott Murillo, scenic design; Sharon McGunigle, costume design; JM Montecalvo, lighting design; Daniel Tator, sound design; Bobbie Zlotnik, wig design; John Stapleton for MAC cosmetics, makeup design and Sandi Logan, casting.

Troubadour Theater Company lovingly dedicates this production to friend, mentor, and longtime co-conspirator, Garry K. Marshall.

Previews begin Nov. 30 with Press Opening Night Dec. 9, and runs through Jan. 15 at the Falcon Theatre located at 4252 Riverside, Burbank, CA 91505. Performances are Wed.–Fri. at 8pm, Sat. at 4pm & 8pm, Sun. at 4pm & 7pm, plus select Tuesdays. Tickets, priced from \$30-\$45, on sale Nov. 9 online at <u>www.falcontheatre.com</u> or by calling the Box Office at 818-955-8101. Box Office hours are Tue.–Fri. 12-6pm, Sat.–Sun. 10am-4pm, and 1 hour prior to show time on performance days. For more information, please visit <u>www.falcontheatre.com</u>

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