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The 2015 Governor Hugh L. Carey Awards Gala

Oct. 17

The Irish American Heritage Museum announces that former Siena College President Fr. Kevin Mullen and Ms. Siobhan Dennehy, Executive Director of the Emerald Isle Immigration Center, are the 2015 Governor Hugh L. Carey Award recipients. The Museum will present the Governor Carey Awards at a Gala Dinner honoring the two distinguished community figures on Saturday, October 17, 2015, at The Desmond Hotel, Albany, N.Y., beginning with an "Irish Meet and Greet Reception" at 6 p.m., followed by a traditional Irish cuisine Gala Dinner menu created by renowned Irish Chef Harold Qualters.



Reservation inquiries can be made by calling the Irish American Heritage Museum at [\(518\) 427-1916](tel:5184271916); email inquiries can be addressed to the Museum through info@irish-us.org. Tickets are \$125 and are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law as the Irish American Heritage Museum is a federally certified 501c3 educational nonprofit. More information can be obtained at the Museum's Web site at www.irish-us.org. The Museum thanks the many supporters of this year's Governor Carey Awards Gala: The Albany Times Union, B95.5 "One Great Song After Another" of the Albany Broadcasting family of radio stations, Exit 9 Wine & Liquor Warehouse (Clifton Park, NY), CSEA, and Prime Companies.

Now Open: Fame, Fortune and Sweet Liberty: The Irish in America Now through November

Ireland and the Irish have been central to the making of modern American and millions of Americans continue to proudly proclaim their Irish ethnicity. As the 2012 Census revealed, there are 34.1 million U.S. residents who identify themselves as

On September 24, Quinnipiac University awarded Enda Kenny, Taoiseach and Prime Minister of Ireland, an honorary degree of humane letters for his leadership and service to the people of Ireland and the world. Pictured at the reception following the ceremony are Enda Kenny, Ryan Mahoney, executive director of the Irish American Heritage Museum, and Ambassador Consul General of Ireland Barbara Jones.

having Irish ancestry, a figure that speaks eloquently of the deep inner-connectedness of Irish and American history over recent centuries.

The traffic from Ireland to America has occurred in waves of immigration that have varied in intensity and social and religious composition. It is these immigrant flows that have given rise to the modern Irish

American. But who exactly were these immigrants? Why did they leave Ireland and where did they settle? How have they fared in America and what kind of relationship did they have with the county they left behind.

Fame, Fortune, and Sweet Liberty is an exhibition that explores the story of the Irish in America across four centuries and in all its complexity. Above all, it looks at how, in each phase of America's historical development and across different fields of human endeavor, the Irish have left an imprint on American life that is indelible.

This exhibit is on loan directly from the Irish government and will be on display through November 2015.

The Influences of William Butler Yeats

Oct. 3, 2 p.m.

In continued celebration of the 150th birthday of William Butler Yeats, join the Irish American Heritage Museum for a fascinating look at his work. The Museum will be joined at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3, by two fantastic scholars: University at Buffalo distinguished Professor Joseph Valente and SUNY Oneonta Associate Professor - Associate Provost of Academic Programs Dr. Eileen Morgan-Zayachek.

Joseph Valente is a lecturer and teacher at the Yeats Summer School and the Treasurer of the International Yeats Society. He is the coeditor of "Yeats and Afterwords" published in 2014 by the University of Notre Dame Press.

Dr. Eileen Morgan-Zayachek will be speaking on the importance of Maud Gonne to Yeats' early poetry and explain how the fraught end of their relationship and the way their conflict reflects on Yeats' late political views.

Dr. Morgan-Zayachek, who has specialized in Irish Studies, has been published on topics such as the film Michael Collins and the novels of Irish author Edna O'Brien.

This program is free and open to the public thanks to the sponsorship of the Michael Carroll family.



Seanachie Evenings:

Harvest Stories from the Midlands and the Coast

Oct. 9, 7 p.m.

After a successful winter/spring series, and a summer break, the Museum is pleased to bring back Seanachie Evenings for the fall. October brings us the storytelling talents of Janet Carter and Jim Hawkins. The program begins at 7 p.m. and admission is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members (if you are not sure if your membership is up to date, just give us a call at [518-427-1916](tel:518-427-1916)).

Janet Carter has been an actress, social worker and academic. She makes her home in Saugerties, and brings together stories from life and love as she's lived it. She appreciates storytelling as it provides the delight of looking at her audience she shares life's wonders. Jim Hawkins storytelling journey began as a child in the Midlands of Ireland (County Westmeath). He was fascinated by the storytelling skills of his Uncle Jack Fallon who wove creatively stories about the local peoples and the everyday events of the community. He appreciates the power of story to bring joy to people's lives, to chronicle the important events of the day, and to teach and guide us through the challenges and obstacles of our daily lives. His journey has continued teaching of the great works of literature for thirty-nine years in the classroom and telling to audiences around the country.

Family Discovery Day:

Celtic Traditions of Halloween

Oct. 24, 1-3 p.m.

Did you know trick-or-treating, "Jack-o-Lantern," carving pumpkins and other Halloween traditions can be traced to Ireland and the Celtic New Year? Kids' Halloween Discovery Day explores the Celtic origins of many of America's Halloween traditions. Kids' storytelling and craft activities reveal customs handed down to generations of Americans from Ireland.

Congratulations, AOH!

Members of the AOH Father Henry Tansey Division #5 Albany, NY served as ushers when Pope Francis celebrated mass at Madison Square Garden on September 25. From left: **Ciaran Geraghty, Bernard Harney, Blake Washington, Liam McNabb, Stephen Dick, Dan Berry, John McCarthy, Tim McSweeney.**

CALENDAR

Note : For events at the [Museum](#), free street parking after 5 PM on weekdays and all day on weekends. Please do not park in the private lots behind the Museum.

Oct. 2 -- Fork in the Road, Downtown Albany Business Improvement District, 4PM-8PM, Tricentennial Park.

Oct. 3 -- The Influences of William Butler Yeats- 2PM-4PM- Irish American Heritage Museum 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207

Oct. 9 -- Seanachie Evenings, 7PM-9PM, Irish American Heritage Museum 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207.

Oct. 17 -- Governor Hugh L. Carey Awards Gala presented by the Irish American Heritage Museum- Desmond Hotel and Conference Center

Oct. 24 -- Kids' Halloween Discovery Day: Celtic Origins of Halloween, 1PM-3PM, Irish American Heritage Museum 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207

Oct. 24 -- 1st AOH Smoker. A variety of smoked meats, 3 cigars from Habana Premium Cigar Shoppe, a variety of beers and spirit sampling from Specialty Wine and Spirits. \$40 for members, \$50 for guests. AOH Father Henry Tansey Division 5, 375 Ontario St. Albany, NY 12208.

October 24 -- AOH Clambake. All Day. AOH JFK Division 1, 1748 State St. Schenectady, NY 12304.

Oct. 28 -- Open Genealogy Consultation, 11AM-2PM, Irish American Heritage Museum 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207.

Oct. 29 -- Top 10 useful websites for Irish genealogy, presented by Lisa Walsh Dougherty 6:30PM, Irish American Heritage Museum 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207.

Oct. 30 -- Albany St. Patrick's Day Parade Kickoff. Capital District Irish American Association 375 Ontario Street Albany, NY 12208.

About Us

The Irish American Heritage Museum is a permanently chartered 501(c)3 non-profit with an educational mission: To preserve and tell the story of the contributions of the Irish people and their culture in America, inspiring individuals to examine the importance of their own heritage as part of the American cultural mosaic.

As such, the Museum is unique in America, where almost 40 million individuals claim Irish ancestry. It is committed to the basic tenet that preserving one's heritage is vital to providing a cultural and historical foundation to future generations of Americans.

Our museum in Albany, New York, provides year-round access, especially by school groups, to our exhibits, our Paul O'Dwyer Library, lectures, presentations, film screenings, book signings and other special programs.

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