



***Jack Wilpers: The Man who
Captured Tojo***
June 1 @ 6:30 PM

Wilpers, an Irish-American born in Albany and raised in Saratoga Springs, was a member of a five-man U.S. Army intelligence unit that took former Japanese prime minister Hideki Tojo into custody nine days after the Japanese surrendered to end World War II. Tojo's suicide attempt in his own home was thwarted largely due to the actions of Wilpers and the other American soldiers that day. Tojo was later convicted of war crimes and executed.



Using Wilpers' photographs and wartime letters, along with AP news stories and photos from AP Corporate Archives in New York City, Chris Carola tells the story of how a bookie's son from upstate New York made international headlines more than 70 years ago. Carola will also give details of his 20-year effort to get Wilpers to talk to a reporter about that day for the first time since 1945, a quest eventually accomplished thanks to Mother Nature, a Saratoga racetrack giveaway cap and a chance encounter on a New England beach.

Free to members
\$5 non-members

**Bloomsday 2017:
Ulysses Redux**
June 16 @ 7PM

Have you always been



intimidated by Joyce's "Ulysses?" Have no fear, this program will give you a great background and perspective to this literary masterpiece. There will be a number of selected passages read by numerous members of the Capital District that will help make "Ulysses" accessible to all!



If you have ever been interested at all in Ulysses, this is the program to check out!!

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Golf Tournament!! June 19

Join the Museum for a fantastic day of golf, Irish cheer, and excitement, at the 18th Annual Mostly Irish Golf Classic. This annual event raises money for the Museum's world class educational programming and exhibits. The 2017 golf tournament will be taking place on June 19th at the beautiful Mohawk Golf Club. Also featured will be Irish music, a fantastic auction and raffle, amazing food, and so much more. For more information on sponsorship or playing, please go to <https://irish-us.org/2017-mostly-irish-classic/>

**Find Your Way Home
Performance July 17
VIP Reception June 29**



Click above to view the official trailer for the musical

After debuting in Dublin, Ireland to rave reviews, "**Find Your Way Home**" comes to The Palace Theatre in Albany with the original 26 person cast for one night only! Led by internationally known performer Alexandria Sharpe (Celtic Woman/West End) and Musical Director David Hayes (Riverdance/The Voice Of Ireland), this musical drama based in 1910 Ireland and America has brought crowds to their feet with an emotional journey of a family as they encounter unexpected tragedies and joys in the face of economic hardship.

Tickets are available here <http://www.palacealbany.org/events/detail/find-your-way-home-1>. You can also purchase tickets here at the Museum.

There will be a VIP Reception with the creators of Find You Way Home at the Museum on June 29th. Included in the \$125 ticket is a preferred seating ticket to the performance in July. The reception will include a meet and greet with the creators of the show and a look into the process of creating **Find Your Way Home**. Call today, 518-427-1916 to reserve your spot at the VIP reception!

About The Creators:

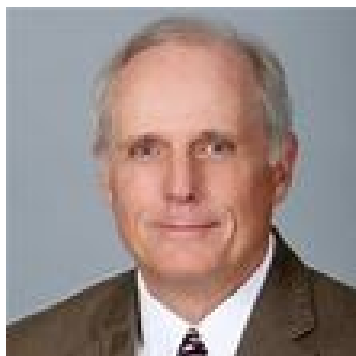
Jim Kelly

James Kelly is a career musician/songwriter who performs more than 200 shows a year and his music has been placed in radio, film and television. He has produced and performed with Grammy Winning Artists, performed in "Riverdance-The Show" and has played in Carnegie Hall, Radio City Music Hall and The Ryman Auditorium. His songs have been performed and recorded by Ronan Tynan, Sean Keane, The New York Tenors, Daniel O'Donnell and Andy Cooney. He splits his time between Nashville, Los Angeles and New York writing with many legendary songwriters. "Find Your Way Home" is his first theatrical musical collaboration.

Jeff Strange

Singer / Songwriter Jeff Strange was a founding member of the internationally known Irish folk band Donnybrook Fair. He was also a long time member of one of the Capital District's most

popular rock bands The Newports. He has traveled nationally and internationally with Donnybrook Fair, and throughout the Northeast as a solo acoustic performer with three CD releases to his credit-The Killing Words (1995), Invisible Life (1997) and Colours (2004.) He has become known for his on-stage patter and energetic performances incorporating a broad selection of Irish, rock, and original music. Once a long time contributor for Metroland Magazine as a freelance writer, Jeff has turned his attention to fiction writing with two novel manuscripts completed and a third in the works. He resides in upstate New York with his wife Tamae and three year old daughter Hana.



Michael Reilly elected new Board Chair. Museum also welcomes new Board Member.

At the May Board of Trustees meeting for the Irish American Heritage Museum, Michael Reilly was elected the chair of the Board of Trustees. Michael will be replacing Harold Qualters, who served in this position for one year, and led the Museum on a path to success that we will always be grateful for. Harold will continue to be a member of the Board of

Trustees, and we are sure you will find him leading a number of our *Cooking Irish* programs over the next few years.

Michael Reilly is the managing principal at Integro Insurance Brokers and has over 40 years of experience in the insurance field. In addition to serving on the Museum's board for a number of years, Michael is also the President of the Foundation of the Addiction Care Center of Albany. He is a 1977 graduate of Temple University.

Also at this meeting, Diane Conroy-Lacivita became our newest member of the Board of Trustees. Diane is the Associate Executive Director for Colonie Senior Services Center (CSSC). Prior to CSSC, Diane was a co-proprietor with the Harmony House Marketplace in Cohoes as well as Executive Director at the International Center of the Capital Region. As Executive Director of the International Center of the Capital Region, Diane worked with the US Department of State, US Congress and National Program agencies to create and implement professional programs and host a variety of specific delegations in the Capital Region and Upstate New York. She also represented the United States through the World Affairs Council on international exploratory mission to Azerbaijan, Ireland and Turkey.

Upcoming Local Irish Event Calendar

June 1 @ 6:30PM- The Man Who Caught Tojo- Irish American Heritage Museum. 370 Broadway Albany NY 12207

June 10 @ 3PM- The Rosemary O'Brien Famine Garden Benefit. Capital District Irish American Association. 375 Ontario St. Albany, NY

June 16 @ 7PM- Bloomsday 2017 Irish American Heritage Museum. 370 Broadway Albany NY 12207

June 19 Mostly Irish Classic Golf Tournament. Mohawk Golf Club. 1849 Union St. Schenectady NY 12309

June 28 @ 11AM-2PM. Open Genealogy Session. Irish American Heritage Museum. 370 Broadway Albany NY 12207

June 29 @ 7PM- Find Your Way Home Reception. Irish American Heritage Museum. 370 Broadway Albany NY 12207

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