

**March 2015**

### *Seanachie Eves*

### **Come Into the Parlor: Irish Mirth, Myth, and Memory**

**7 PM -- March 13**

The [Irish American Heritage Museum](#) is pleased to re-introduce the tradition of the Seanachie, the traditional Irish Storyteller to downtown Albany. The Seanachie were travelers, carrying stories and news between hamlets and families. For the price of a warm meal, they'd share stories of the old ones and lively tales of romance and blarney. There would be music, smiles, a bit of learning, and a bit of carrying on. In that spirit join us for, stories, fine fellowship, and fun.

Marni Gillard, is a well-known regional storyteller and author of *Storyteller* and *Storyteacher* (Ann Izard Storytellers' Choice Award winner). Marni has a long interest in Celtic culture and stories, and in 2010 & 2011 she brought to the area an acclaimed one-man performance of *Granuaille* (Grace O'Malley). Mary Murphy is a regional writer and storyteller who has performed regionally at Proctors, and Story Sundays and nationally at the Hawaii Storytelling Festival, the Clever Gretchen Storytelling Festival at Syracuse University & National Storytelling Festival. Widely known for her humorous and family tales, her stories have been published in the anthologies: *Give a Listen* and *A Solstice Evergreen*. Thank you, Berkshire Bank, for sponsoring these evenings.

Cost- \$5 for Museum members

\$10 for non Museum members

\$25 for a family four pack.

### **Maureen Farrell McCarthy Irish Soda Bread Competition**

**10 AM - 3 PM March 7**



The Irish American Heritage Museum announces its third annual Maureen Farrell McCarthy Irish Soda Bread Competition to be held on Saturday, March 7, 2015, from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. in The Hogarty Family Exhibit Hall and The Trustco Bank Gallery at the Museum, 370 Broadway, Albany, NY. The competition is the creation of retired Irish American Chef Harold Quarters. The competition is named in the memory of the late Maureen Farrell McCarthy, Crookhaven, Ireland, a Museum Trustee and original judge at the 2013 inaugural competition.

The amateur Irish soda bread baking competition involves three categories: traditional white flour Irish soda bread; traditional wheaten (brown) flour Irish soda bread, and; family, not strictly traditional (FNST) Irish soda bread.

A big thank you to this year's sponsors: Proctor's Theatre, Price Chopper Supermarkets and the Counties of Ireland.

Contest

details

[here.](#)

## **Belfast Homecoming 2015**

**5:30 PM March 12**

Máirtín Ó Muilleoir is an Irish Sinn Féin politician, author and businessman. For the year 2013/2014 Máirtín served as the 58th Lord Mayor of Belfast and will be coming to the Museum on March 12 to discuss Belfast Homecoming 2015.

**From the Belfast Homecoming [website](#):**

In September 2014, Belfast went where no other Irish city has ever gone by convening our very own Homecoming. 50 leaders of the global Irish and Ulster-Scots diaspora - led by a big city mayor, a Silicon Valley entrepreneur and a brigadier general - joined us in the conversation about how best to build the peace.



But now, as you'd expect from a city on the rise, we're raising the bar and inviting 150 diaspora leaders to come join us for the Belfast Homecoming 2015. We promise to astonish and inspire you at every turn by introducing you to the bridge builders and civic champions who are transforming Belfast into a beacon of peace, prosperity and diversity.

We promise that the busy three-day agenda of visits, discussions and debates which we are lining up will be productive and exhilarating but most of all it'll be fun. And when you leave, you can be sure that your partnership with Belfast is only starting.

Belfast is rolling out the red carpet, put 7-10 October 2015 in your diary and come join us!

## **Green Tie Luncheon**

**11:30 AM March 13**

Join the Museum for the revival of the Green Tie Luncheon. The lunch will take place at the Capital District Irish America Association located at 375 Ontario St. in Albany. Fare includes corned beef and cabbage. Entertainment provided by the Three Irish Voices and Emerald Dawn. Every attendee receives a raffle ticket to enter our numerous drawings for a variety of gifts. All proceeds raised benefit the Irish American Heritage Museum's Public Programs. To RSVP call [518-427-1916](tel:518-427-1916).

## **Children's Day**

**10 AM- 1 PM March 14**

Before the [St. Patrick's Day Parade](#) steps off in Albany at 2 p.m., join the Museum for "Children's Day." There will be face painting and crafts -- from Shamrock tattoos to

making a rainbow necklace in honor of leprechauns (Ireland's legendary "wee people").

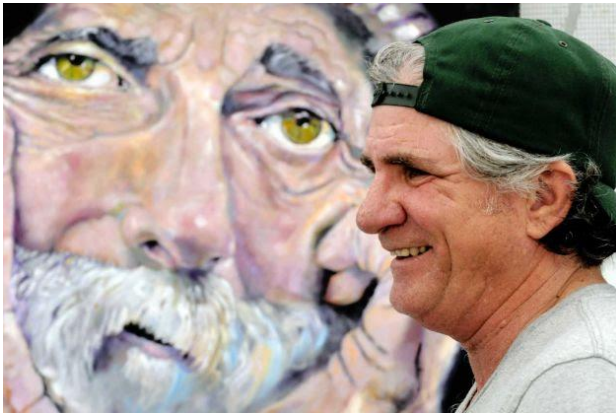
Storyteller William Combes will present the life story of Ireland's Patron Saint Patrick at two children's storytelling sessions, one at 10:45 a.m. and another at 12:15 p.m.

There will be a viewing of [The Secret of Kells](#).



### Exhibit Opening

### **The Art of Kevin McKrell**



### **7 PM March 27**

Celtic folk singer songwriter [Kevin McKrell](#) was a founding member of Celtic Folk Band

Donnybrook Fair and the Celtic Bluegrass Band The McKrells. He has performed in theaters, clubs and on festival stages across the United States, Canada, Ireland and Scotland. His songs have been recorded or performed by artists from around the world.

Kevin and his bands have performed for audiences at the top Celtic, Folk and Bluegrass festivals, Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Troy Music Hall, Saratoga Performing Arts Center are a few of the top venues where Kevin and his bands have appeared. Kevin is also an award winning painter and sculpture as well as partner and creative director of Celtic Attitudes Clothing Company.

### **CALENDAR**

**Note :** For events at the [Museum](#), free street parking after 6 PM on weekdays and all day on weekends. Please do not park in the private lots behind the Museum.

**March 7** 3rd Annual Maureen Farrell McCarthy Irish Soda Bread Amateur Competition 10am- Irish American Heritage Museum, 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207

**March 7** Irish Comedy Tour, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, NY

**March 10** Lunasa Concert- Celtic Hall, 430 New Karner Rd., Albany, NY 12205

**March 11** Irish Genealogy 101, Irish American Heritage Museum 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207, 6:30pm

**March 11** Caladh Nua, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 2nd St. Troy, NY 7:30pm

**March 12** Belfast Coming Home, Irish American Heritage Museum 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207, 5:30pm

**March 13**, Green Tie Luncheon, Capital District Irish American Association, 375 Ontario St. Albany, NY, 11:30am

**March 13** Come Into the Parlor: Irish Mirth, Myth, and Memory- Tale-telling by Mary Murphy and Marni Gillard- Irish American Heritage Museum 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207, 7 pm

**March 14** Irish Family Discovery Day, Irish American Heritage Museum, 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207, 10:00am

**March 14** Albany St. Patrick's Day Parade, 2pm step off.

**March 14** The McKrells, Madison Theatre Albany, NY 4pm & 8pm

**March 15** Plan Ahead Events Catch the Leprechaun 5k- Corning Preserve Albany, NY

**March 18** Researching Your Irish Ancestor Using RootsIreland- Irish American Heritage Museum 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207 6:30pm

## 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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