



**September
2016**

***Scéal - a Collection of Irish Stories, Music & Poetry
September 20 , 7 PM***

In partnership with the Irish American Cultural Institute, the Irish American Heritage Museum brings you Ireland's own Helena Byrne.

Combining her love of Irish folklore and passion for the performing arts, Helena regularly performs as a seanchaí (storyteller). Helena interweaves tales of the Other World and the mysterious Fairy Folk with traditional Irish songs and wonderful insights into the Irish life of days gone by.

Akin to the traditional travelling seanchaí of times past, Helena is renowned for bringing her spellbinding stories and songs to diverse audiences in settings large and small. From young to old, Helena will bring your imagination into the fascinating world of the Banshee, the Pooka and the... supernatural.

Helena is a Resident Storyteller for Irish Folk Tours' show 'An Evening of Food, Folklore & Fairies', ranked as TripAdvisor's Number One 'Nightlife in Dublin' event and nominated as CIE Tours 'Best Evening Performance in Ireland' 2016.



She has performed for companies such as Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown County Libraries, Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre, the National Leprechaun Museum, the Yarn Storytelling Festival in County Wicklow, and Bunratty Castle & Folk Park. Helena also produces her own storytelling events throughout Ireland.

"Not only was I entertained but I learned a lot as well. Helena Byrne, a charming, young Irish woman, looking every bit the fairy herself, all petite and delicate, lured us into a world of fairies and pookas and an Ireland of long ago, with her marvelously narrated stories and song. Oh her singing voice - I would have listened to her all night..." - Patricia O, London, UK

(TripAdvisor 15/09/2015)

As a singer/songwriter Helena has performed extensively throughout Europe and the USA. She has been a support act for James Taylor, Katie Melua and Bob Geldof at the Source Festival, Kilkenny, was also a third place winner in the 2fm Young Songwriter's Contest with her song 'Happenin' and was shortlisted in the Pan Celtic National Song Contest 2015 with her song 'Is Tú Grá'. She has performed as a session vocalist for both Rónán and Colm Ó Snodaigh, founding members of Irish group, Kila, most recently collaborating with Rónán, who features on her debut album 'Ceol', and with Colm, who features on her latest album 'Scéal'.

"If you don't get goosebumps when you hear her beautiful voice then you may need to consult a medical professional because chances are, you're dead inside." - Travel Ireland Magazine, March 2016.

Cost- \$5Museum members
\$10- non-members

2016 Governor Hugh L. Carey Award Recipients Announced



Governor Hugh L. Carey

We are honored to announce that the Irish American Heritage Museum's 2016 Governor Hugh L. Carey Awards will be presented to Dan and Ellen Hogarty and Jerry Jennings, who exemplify in their lives Governor Carey's commitment to public service. This year's Governor Carey Awards Gala will be held on Friday, November 4, at The Desmond, Colonie, NY. Ireland's Ambassador Consul General Barbara Jones and Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan are Honorary Co-Chairs of the Gala, and WNYT NewsChannel 13 Anchor Benita Zahn is Master of Ceremonies.

The Museum annually presents The Governor Hugh L. Carey Awards to honor the work of the late Governor who served on the Museum's Board of Trustees, providing guidance for the Museum's educational programs and events. Each year, the Museum selects community members whose exemplary efforts help unite people through community and public service, the arts, cultural endeavors, philanthropy, and the health care, teaching, law/justice, science, sports/athletics and other professions, reflecting the Governor's decades of public service

An evening of traditional Irish hospitality, with live music, dancers, a true Irish family dinner and friendship. Don't miss this autumn's premier social event honoring three of the Capital Region's great community leaders! For information on tickets, congratulatory ads, honorary committee, and sponsorships please call the Museum at [518-427-1916](tel:518-427-1916).

THANK YOU!!!

The Irish American Heritage Museum would like to thank all the organizations, chefs, musicians, and dancers that participated in the 2016 Irish American Day at Saratoga Race Course. The turnout and response to the day was phenomenal, even with the slight Irish



Arts and crafts table at 2016 Irish American Day at Saratoga Race Course.

mist in the morning. We hope to see everyone at Saratoga for the 2017 event.

We would also like to thank everyone who came out for the 2016 Capital District Celtic Cruise. This event, which the Museum partnered with the United Irish Societies of the Capital District, Inc. to put on, was SOLD OUT. We want to thank Dutch Apple Cruises for their hospitality on the night of the cruise. The Museum would also like to thank Kevin McKrell for providing the

entertainment on the ship. This first event was such a success that it looks like it may become a yearly event for the Capital District. We hope to see you next year!

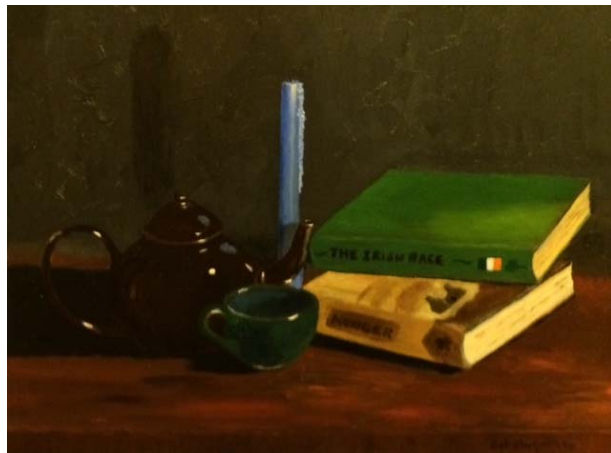
New Exhibit!!!

Scenes from Ireland

Opening Reception September 29 @ 7PM

The Irish American Heritage Museum is proud to announce the opening of its newest exhibit, Scenes of Ireland. Join us on September 29 @ 7PM for an opening reception featuring paintings from local artists consisting of landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, still lifes, interiors, and even portraits. At the reception you will have the chance to meet the artists themselves and learn all about their inspiration and style.

Free to Museum Members
\$5 non-members



"Irish History" by Bob Blackmon. This painting will be featured in the exhibit "Scenes from Ireland."

Outside Mullingar- Presented by CapRep

Do you ever think about what your life would be like right now if your ancestors hadn't emigrated from Ireland to America? Looking for an evening of romance and laughter? Why not combine the two and come see Outside Mullingar, Pulitzer Prize-winning author John Patrick Shanley's charming romantic comedy set in the emerald countryside of rural Ireland.

Outside Mullingar is at Capital Repertory Theatre from Sept. 23 - Oct. 16. To reserve your tickets today, call the CapRep Box Office at (518) 455-7469 or go online to www.capitalrep.org. Use the code IRISH for \$5 off tickets.*

We hope you'll join us for an evening of Seriously Good Theatre that will whisk you away to the Irish countryside - did we mention that we're making it rain on stage?

*Applies to center and side seats at any performance. Some restrictions apply.



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.

Schedule of Regional Irish American Events

September 4- 11:30AM-9PM Hooley on the Hudson. T.R. Gallo Memorial Park. Kingston, NY

September 9 & 10= Syracuse Irish Festival. Clinton Square Syracuse, NY.

September 16 & 17- Irish 2000 Music Festival. Saratoga County Fairgrounds.

September 20- 7PM- Sceal- A Collection of Irish Stories and Song- Helena Bynre- Irish American Heritage Museum. 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207

September 23- October 16. Outside Mullingar. Capitol Repertory Theatre. 518-445-7469. 111 N. Pearl St. Albany, NY 12207

September 24- Hudson Valley Irish Fest. Riverfront Green Park. Peekskill, NY.

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

September 29- 7PM- Exhibit Reception- Scenes from Ireland. Irish American Heritage Museum. 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207.

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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