

**Dec.
2015**

**Winter Poetry Reading:
Patrick Kavanagh's "The Great Hunger"**



Tuesday, December 8, 7pm

In Ireland, a land known for its poets, Patrick Kavanagh is one of the most important, and his long narrative poem, "The Great Hunger," is his tour de force. The poem tells the story of an old bachelor farmer, Patrick Maguire, whose fear of poverty and landlessness prevents him from ever taking chances in his life. Maguire is a 20th century farmer from County Monaghan, but his

emotional and psychological hunger is a lingering effect of the 19th century physical hunger of the potato famine.

Come listen to "The Great Hunger" performed by a host of Capital District actors and orators. Discussion following the reading.

Exhibit Opening

Dublin Town: The Photography of Dominique Beyens

Friday, December 4, 7 pm

Join the Irish American Heritage Museum for a unique perspective of modern day Ireland with its brand new exhibit, *Dublin Town: The Photography of Dominique Beyens*. This exhibit

opens on December 4, 7PM, in the Hogarty Exhibit Hall at the Irish American Heritage Museum.

Dominique Beyens is an award winning photographer who combines his practice as a painter and his interest with old printing techniques to produce unique Fine Art Prints .

The use of medium and large format photography combined with

alternative printing processes on age-old proven natural art materials gives his work a dimension that is best experienced in person rather than the digital medium.

He recently won the prestigious RDS " Freyer " Art Award, overseen by judges from the RDS, National Gallery of Ireland, Royal Hibernian Academy and the Irish Museum of Modern Art (IMMA).



**Irish Christmas Traditions Family Day
Saturday, December 12, 1-3 pm**



An Old-Fashioned Traditional Irish Christmas! Open House Saturday December 12, 1-3 PM: We invite you to experience a very special presentation of "A Traditional Irish Christmas" when the Museum will highlight customs and decorations for which the Irish have become known. Learn about the traditional "Candle in the Window," "The Laden Table," "The Ring of Holly," "Handsel Monday," "Women's Little Christmas," and the traditional Irish greeting. Join us for arts and crafts, storytelling, and more. Albany

street parking is free on the weekends.

Gift Shop Open 7 Days a week!

Looking for the perfect gift to give this holiday season. Make sure to stop in at our gift shop for sweaters, books, jewelry, crystal, and much more. The gift shop is open 11-4 Monday through Friday and 12-4 on weekends.

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.

December 4, 7PM - *Opening of Dublin Town: The Photography of Dominique Beyens.* Irish American Heritage Museum. 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207

December 4, 7PM - Triskele Concert- Triskele in Concert in the Schenectady AOH Hall to help Toys for Tots, \$10 cover charge or \$5 if you bring a gift for Toys for Tots. Schenectady AOH Hall. 1748 State St. Schenectady, NY 12304.

December 6, 2PM-5PM - 8th Annual Devin Nolan and Elizabeth Harkes Memorial Gift Giving. Help support the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless, the Veterans Miracle Center, and St. Catherine's Center for Children this Holiday season. Donations such as new household items, toys and gift cards, and monetary donations are all appreciated. Refreshments to be served. Entertainment provided by Erin Harkes and Chris Gill. For more information please contact Carole Hackett at carolehackett@hotmail.com. Capital District Irish American Association. 375 Ontario St. Albany, NY 12208.

December 8, 7PM - Reading of Patrick Kavanagh's "The Great Hunger." Irish American Heritage Museum. 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207. Free.

December 11, 7:30PM - At Our Hearth - An evening of music and song featuring Denny Davis, John McDermott, Sean Quinn, and Sue and Jim Mead. Come listen and sing along. Free Admission. Schenectady AOH Hall. 1748 State St. Schenectady, NY 12304.

December 12, 1PM-3PM - Irish Christmas Tradition Family Day. Irish American Heritage Museum. 370 Broadway Albany, NY 12207

December 19, 7PM - Schenectady LAOH/AOH Christmas Potluck Party. Schenectady AOH Hall. 1748 State St. Schenectady, NY 12304.

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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