

For Immediate Release
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1st Annual Irish Festival on PEI

IN BRIEF

The Benevolent Irish Society of PEI announces its first annual Irish Festival with events March 2 - March 29, 2026, in Charlottetown, Fort Augustus, Kinkora, Morell, Souris, and Tignish. Everyone is invited to celebrate Irish culture and heritage at breakfasts and dinners, trivia, films, ceilidhs, concerts, plays, and lectures scheduled throughout the festival. For the schedule of Irish Festival events Island wide, visit the <https://www.BenevolentIrishSocietyofPEI.com>.

IN FULL

Kathy Roney, Chair of the Benevolent Irish Society's Social and Ceilidh Committee, proclaims the first annual Irish Festival on PEI. "Last year the B.I.S. celebrated its 200th anniversary with festivities right across the Island from Tignish to Souris. We were so pleased with the support and enthusiasm we received from Islanders and tourists that we felt; why not continue the passion in 2026!" From this excitement, the idea of creating an Island-wide Irish Festival in March, when St. Patrick is traditionally honored, was created.

People of all cultures are invited to join in the excitement. "We feel we have such a grand culture that we want to share it with everyone! There are dinners, an Irish Stew, Irish Trivia, an Irish Breakfast, ceilidhs, concerts, plays and lectures all scheduled throughout the festival," Roney adds on behalf of the event coordinators across PEI:

CHARLOTTETOWN

March 2 "The history and origins of Irish family surnames," presented by Tony Dolan, BIS

March 9 "The Belfast Riot 1847," presented by Dr. Callum Beck, BIS

March 13 "St. Patrick's Ceilidh," B.I.S

March 13 – 17 "Stella Days," an Irish movie starring Martin Sheen, City Cinema

March 16 "Gov. Walter Patterson: Rogue or Reformer," presented by Theresa Redmond, BIS

March 20 – 22 & 27 – 29 "Marrying Mike," a three-act Irish comedy, BIS

FORT AUGUSTUS

March 15 Irish Stew and Ceilidh, Fort Augustus Community Centre

KINKORA

March 13 Irish Pub/Food Night, O'Shea's Pub

MORELL

March 14 Irish Pub Night, Holy Cow

March 14 – 17 Irish Stew/Drinks, Holy Cow

March 15 Traditional Irish Breakfast, Holy Cow

March 15 Old Time Irish Concert, Morell Regional High School

SOURIS

March 15 "Darby O'Gill," an Irish movie, Souris Show Hall

TIGNISH

March 17 Irish Trivia/Pub Night, Royal Canadian Legion

For more information, about each event in the Irish Festival, contact the coordinators in each community: Charlottetown - Kathy Roney, 902-314-8840; Morell - Cletus Dunn, cjdunn12@hotmail.com; Fort Augustus - Pat Duffy, patduffy.2058@gmail.com; Kinkora - O'Shea's Pub, osheas@live.com & 902-882-2011; Souris – Souris Show Hall, 902-687-3376; and, Tignish – Shelley, Royal Canadian Legion (Shelley), 902 882-2011. For the detailed schedule of Irish Festival events, visit <https://www.BenevolentIrishSocietyofPEI.com>.

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