

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Roundup 2021



A Celebration of Culture, Community & Creativity across the US Southeast

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An Evening of Cultúr agus Ceol

Over 500 people watched our virtual reception on Tuesday 16 March, hosted by CG O'Flóinn, with a special message from Taoiseach Micheál Martin. Beautiful, inspiring and energising performances from Clannad & Denise Chaila, Doireann Ní Ghríofa and Cormac Begley captured the spirit of St. Patrick's Day.

If you missed out, the event is still available to watch!
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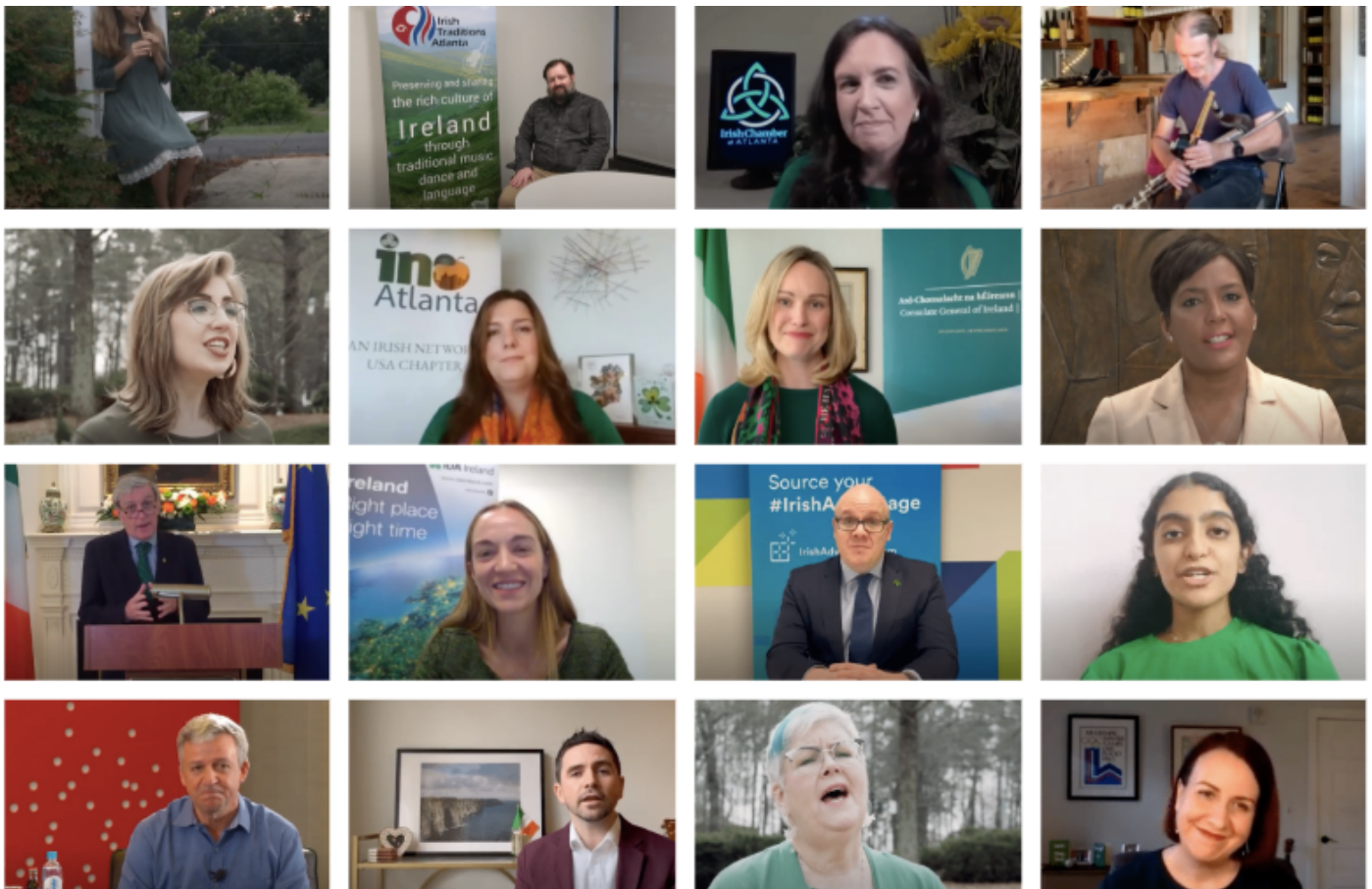
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Atlanta Virtual Celebration

In collaboration with Irish Chamber of Atlanta, and Irish Network Atlanta, the Consulate were delighted to host a St. Patrick's Day celebration which was well attended from across the region. The event, which was very well attended, had a community and culture focus, with also an emphasis on the strong business ties between Ireland and Atlanta.

Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, John Murphy of Coca-Cola and Ambassador Dan Mulhall delivered keynote remarks. Ambassador Mulhall also honoured the work of Prof. James W. Flannery, a much respected member of the Irish community in Atlanta, who was awarded the Presidential Distinguished Service Award for 2020.

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Shades of Green - Celebrating Irish-America

The Shades of Green program featured performers from across America and Ireland, as well as more than a dozen exceptional Irish-Americans, who reflected on the community's history and traditions as well as the resilience we have shown in response to COVID-19. The Southeast was well represented, including by the Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Irish dancers the Porter Brothers, our own CG O'Flóinn and a contribution from Nettie Washington Douglass, a descendant of Frederick Douglass.

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Shamrocks & Shenanigans - Carolina Irish Fest

CG O'Flóinn was delighted to take part, alongside Ambassador Mulhall, in 'Shamrocks & Shenanigans' organised by Carolina Irish Fest on March 13. It was a fantastic evening of culture, community & chat, organised to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and to support the aim of opening an Irish American community center in Charlotte.



Government of Ireland
Emigrant Support Programme

An Balam Gineálhaí Eagraíochta
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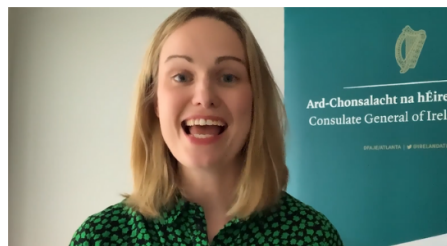
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Celtic Heritage Festival Savannah

As organisers of the Celtic Heritage Festival have phrased it, *'there is no stopping the contagious Celtic spirit that takes over Savannah in March'!*

Although in-person events are limited due to COVID-19, the Celtic Heritage Festival has gone online, holding their first virtual festival from March 13 to 17, 2021. There was a mix of musical performances, talks on Celtic culture, cooking and sport, and much more.



Click the Play button to watch the festival online for a limited time!



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Savannah Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee

In this video featured in the US wide 'Shades of Green' celebration, Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee remind us of the strong Irish community in the city, and how they celebrate St. Patricks' Day with a little southern flair.



Click the Play button to watch the video!



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Knoxville Irish Society - Knox Shamrock Fest

For St Patrick's Day 2021, Knoxville Irish Society linked up with East Tennessee Kidney Foundation to provide some virtual Knox Shamrock Fest programming in honor of the patron saint of Ireland.



Visit the KIS Facebook page
to catch up on the virtual
content!

[Click Here](#)



View it online on the
dedicated SPFTV Channel!

[Click Here](#)

This year, the St. Patrick's Festival in Ireland went 100% online and produced a fantastic range of content which is all available online: culture, music, history, art.... and much more!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2021 IN THE MEDIA



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The Atlanta-Journal Constitution

The Consulate was thrilled to highlight the deep economic links between Georgia and Ireland in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution on Tuesday 16 March, in honor of St. Patrick's Day, with an article by our own CG O'Flóinn.



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The Post and Courier

CG O'Flóinn was delighted to contribute to a great piece highlighting the strong connection between South Carolina and Ireland, in a recent article in The Post and Courier. Honorary Consul Brian O'Duffy in Charleston also contributed to the article,

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Irish roots run deep

In Charleston, arts and culture are in fine fettle



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WABE 90.1FM 'City Lights with Lois Reitzes'

Listen in to CG O'Flóinn in conversation with Lois Reitzes on her WABE 90.1FM show 'City Lights', alongside Irish poet Elaine Cosgrove, discussing Irish music, poetry and culture.



[Click Here to To Listen](#)

WTOC11 Savannah

CG O'Flóinn was interviewed by WTOC11 on the different kinds of St. Patrick's Day celebrations taking place this year in Savannah, and elsewhere.

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Watch the Report](#)



ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2021 GREENING



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Atlanta City Hall Goes Green For the First Time

There is a special link between Ireland and Atlanta City Hall which brings great meaning to its greening this year. Fr. Thomas O'Reilly, born in Cavan, saved churches and civic buildings of Atlanta from destruction during the American Civil War, including City Hall.

For many years, his legacy has been celebrated by Atlanta City Hall and the Hibernian Benevolent Society of Atlanta as representative of the bond between Ireland and Atlanta, including a monument to Fr. O'Reilly in the grounds of City Hall.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2021 AROUND THE US



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"Liberators" - Portraits of Irish & American Civil Rights Leaders

Marking St Patrick's Day, Ireland's Ambassador to the United States Dan Mulhall unveiled Liberators, a newly commissioned pair of full-length double portraits by LA-based artist Nikkolas Smith. Presented as a diptych, the paintings feature four iconic individuals – Daniel O'Connell, Frederick Douglass, John Hume and Congressman John Lewis – who forged generational transatlantic partnerships between Ireland and the United States, rooted in the pursuit of abolition and civil rights.

The paintings will hang at the Embassy of Ireland in Washington as a symbol of the long-standing connections between civil rights movements in Ireland and America. The Consulate is also honoured that a copy of the paintings will hang here in Atlanta, the home of civil rights.

CG O'Flóinn is pictured here with Nettie Washington Douglass, descendant of Frederick Douglass, at the high school named in his honour in Atlanta.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2021 TEAM IRELAND IN THE SOUTHEAST



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The Consulate has been delighted to take part in so many initiatives, events, videos, interviews and more, during this St. Patrick's Day season. We continue to be impressed and amazed at the commitment and creativity of the Irish community, and friends of the Irish community, across the Southeast. Thank you to all of you for shining a light on all things Irish during this difficult year!

A special thank you to our network of Honorary Consuls, who do a fantastic job of serving Irish citizens and promoting Ireland in their areas.

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