



St. Patrick's Day Newsletter



Opening word by Ambassador Manahan

Dear Friends,



The celebration of St. Patrick's Day is always a welcome start to Spring, and in person celebrations. As we emerge from the pandemic years, the Embassy and many Irish and Czech partners have been hosting a wide range of cultural, creative and economic programmes. For 2023 we're delighted to share details of some of the highlights scheduled up to September 2023.

On March 17, why not celebrate St Patrick's Day by trying some Irish dancing at the Ceilí at Emauzské Opatství from 18.00. Later that evening, from 19.30 the multi-talented Centre for Irish Studies and friends are hosting an evening of Irish music, dance and literature at the Kampus Hybernská and we look forward to seeing you there. Check the Centre for Irish Studies website for details of upcoming excellent programmes on 'Brendan Behan at 100' (23-24 June) and 'Reading Ireland in the 21st Century' (22-23 September).

On 18 March, the annual charity dinner organised by the Czech Irish Business and Cultural Association will take place at the Grand Hotel Bohemia, do contact CIBCA about tickets. We're delighted that the lyrical, award winning 'An Cailín Ciún' will feature at the Days of European Film Festival. On 19 March, the SPD mass will take place at 11.00 in St. Thomas Church with refreshments after.

Following on the successful Presidency of the EU in 2022, Embassies and partners will celebrate Europe Day on May 5 and showcase what's on offer across Europe for students, families and workers. Ireland marks 50 years of EU membership in 2023 and the Embassy has a travelling bilingual exhibition available to share.

On May 22-27 the Prague Fringe Festival will showcase a diverse mix of theatre, comedy, music, dance and storytelling– and Irish creative talent will be to the fore. June 16 brings 'Bloomsday' celebrations to Prague and across Czechia, with Bernard's Summer School taking place on August 12-18.

Keep in touch with all of us in the Irish Embassy Prague and share your programmes and photos with us.

Ambassador Cliona Manahan

Upcoming St. Patrick's Day events

CIBCA Charity Event



Once again, CIBCA returns with Saint Patrick's Day Charity event, with a focus on great live music, Irish dancing plenty of Irish Craic and the opportunity to have fun while raising much needed funds for well deserving charities and cultural organisations.



March 18 from 7:30 PM



Grand Hotel Bohemia,
Prague



<https://www.cibca.cz/events-1/saint-patricks-day-irish-festival>

Irish Culture Night



During the evening, the group Conamara Chaos will perform with the dancer Andrej Mikulka, extracts of Irish literature will be read. Organized by the Cabinet of Irish Studies, Department of Anglophone Literature and Cultures of Faculty of Arts, Charles University.



March 17 from 7:30 PM



Kampus Hybernská,
Prague



<https://tinyurl.com/IrishCultureNight>

Other events

Irská tancovačka

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a proper Irish dance. The program includes both ceilí and set dances. Organisers will guide the visitors for all the dances, so even beginners will not get lost. The Rookery ceilí band will play for the visitors.



March 17 from
6 PM, Emauzské
Opatství, Prague



<https://sonasol.com/tancovacka/>

Days of European Film Festival

Irish movie *The Quiet Girl* (An Cailín Ciúin) will be screened three times during the festival. *The Quiet Girl* is a 2022 Irish coming-of-age drama film written and directed by Colm Bairéad.



April 20-30



Czech Republic



Follow Dny Evropského Filmu on Social Media for more info

22nd Prague Fringe Festival

A heady mix of theatre, comedy, music, dance, storytelling and good times at venues across the Malá Strana district of Prague - the annual Fringe Festival extravaganza is an experience you will never forget.



May 22-27



Malá Strana, Prague



<https://www.praguefringe.com/your-visit/tickets-booking/>

Europe Day

A multi-genre festival in the open air in Prague every year at the beginning of May organized by the European Commission and the Czech government. In addition to music, moderated discussions with interesting personalities, information stands of embassies of EU member states and other partners are prepared.



May 5



Prague



Bloomsday

Check our Embassy Facebook and Twitter for more details about Bloomsday events.



June 16



Bernard's Summer School

Bernard's Summer School is probably the largest Central European educational and social event focused on Irish traditional culture, especially Irish traditional music and singing, traditional dance forms, Irish language and Irish cinematography.



August 12-18



Základní škola Botičská, Prague



More information on <https://www.bernards.cz/>



Centre for Irish Studies

Centre for Irish studies will host many events in 2023, below are just some of them. Please follow their Social Media and website for latest news.

- **Brendan Behan at 100 conference - 23-24 June**
- **Reading Ireland in the Twenty-First Century graduate students' conference – 22-23 September**



<https://irish.ff.cuni.cz/en/>



Ireland celebrates two major anniversaries in 2023. It has been 50 years since Ireland joined the EU, then called EEC. 2023 also marks 25-year anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement. #EU50



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