



For ease of planning to attend we have divided the celebration into four (4) sections:

- Weekend #1 - Saturday, March 8th  
Sunday, March 9th
  - Weekdays - Monday, March 10th  
Tuesday, March 11th  
Wednesday, March 12th  
Thursday, March 13th
  - Weekend #2 - Friday, March 14th  
Saturday, March 15th  
Sunday, March 16th
- ST. PATRICK'S DAY - Monday, March 17th

Of course, the people of Saint John and surrounding areas will play a vital role in the success of our endeavour. Your participation and involvement will guarantee that it will continue.

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WEEKEND #1 - March 8th & 9th  
Saturday - March 8th

If you are from out of town and around on Friday or early on Saturday there will be special happenings of Irish content available, ie entertainment in our up-town centers, displays by students of all ages depicting our Irish heritage, culture and contribution. The Museum and the Aitken Bicentennial Exhibition Center and others are being approached to have Irish exhibits. We are planning a tour as well but will leave plenty of time for shopping.

The feature attraction will be the "Coltas" Irish group from Toronto in concert at the Saint John High School -- 8:00 p.m. They will sing Irish songs, play Irish instruments, recite Irish poetry and perform Irish dances in a fun filled, enthusiastic manner. There are ten in their group with a harpist a possible addition.

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WEEKEND #1 - Sunday, March 9th  
Special "Irish" Mass

This will be a first and we are especially pleased about it.

Turlough O'Carolan (1670-1738) was a well known harpist and composer despite losing his sight at 14 years of age.

In 1796, Edward Bunting published a book called "General Collection of Ancient Irish Music". A total of sixty-six (66) numbers were included in this edition, fifty (50) of these were composed by O'Carolan. It is this music we will hear at the mass. It will be performed by Comhaltas Ceoltoire Eireann (Coltas Kiltory Aitken - English pronunciation) from Toronto at the Assumption Church, Saint John West at 10:15 a.m.

We will also get a sampling of the Irish language. A musician from Ireland told me that "it is a beautiful experience".

As a point of interest there is a monument to O'Carolan in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. It was done by John Hogan in 1824.

All are invited to this special mass, which is an extra mass for this Sunday only. The church seating capacity is 800 people.

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WEEKEND #1 - Sunday, March 9th

"PEG OF MY HEART"

St. Peter's School Auditorium  
Magazine Street  
2:00 pm

This matinee will be the 40th anniversary of the last performance of this play in Saint John. Ed Maloney, our dynamic and experienced director has the difficult task of choosing "Peg" from four talented, attractive colleens.

Special brief appearance by Coltas at intermission.

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SPECIAL OFFER ONLY FOR WEEKEND #1

March 8th and 9th

The single ticket price for the Coltas Concert at Saint John High School is \$7.50 per person. The single ticket price for "Peg Of My Heart" (for all three performances) is \$5.00.

We are offering first (for a limited time or until no tickets are available) to the members of our provincial association only tickets for both events on this first weekend for only ten (\$10.00) dollars.

The High School holds 900 people but St. Peter's school holds about 600. This means that we can only offer this special price for 600 tickets.

If you can attend one event only the regular price will apply.

If you cannot attend, but would like to support what we are doing, please do so.

Please make out cheque for \$10.00 for a set of two (one for each performance) and send to:

Mr. Bill Taylor,  
P.O. Box 1767,  
Station A,  
Saint John, N.B.,  
E2L 4S5

You can order as many sets of tickets as you wish at \$10.00 per set of two.

The tickets will be processed on a first come, first served basis.

Your tickets will be sent to you in time for stocking fillers for Christmas. This early support will give us funds to cover production costs and save us from borrowing.

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WEEKDAYS

Monday, March 10th - Wednesday, March 12th  
Tuesday, March 11th - Thursday, March 13th

This section is not yet firm for an excellent reason -- we may be able to have Ireland's greatest living writer for one of our two cultural nights. Even if he is not available during our celebrations and comes earlier or later we will organize an evening.

Francis Stuart has quite a write up in "Ireland: A Cultural Encyclopedia" pg. 231. It says, "He represents a major talent in the mainstream of international ..... literature". He uses Ireland as a background for many of his novels. We would like it for Monday, March 10th.