

# NEW YORK IRISH CENTER NEWSLETTER

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## ARDNAGLASS A BIG HIT!

*"Once in a while a new Irish play comes along that reveals something you've been missing-usually without realizing it. The special quality apparent in every line of this play is its authenticity... there's no arguing that it comes unfiltered from Irish country life."* [IRISHVOICE REVIEW November 18th 2009](#)

For two consecutive weekends this November, audiences were treated to a water barrel of laughs at the New York Irish Center's production of **Ardnaglass On The Air**. Set in the unlikely environs of an amateur radio station on a pig farm in the north of Ireland, with hosts Hugh Francis O'Connell and Margaret Mary Rose O'Boyle, the unexpected arrival of a young Spanish intern from the BBC in London creates just the right formula for excellent comedy. Brilliant writing by Jimmy Kerr (who also stars in the show) and equally impressive direction by Hollywood notable Geraldine Hughes, along with thrilling performances by Jo Kinsella and Jonathan Judge-Russo, kept the crowds guffawing throughout. Catch this play whenever the chance comes around again!



Keeping the people of Ardnaglass up-to-date on the local goings-on: (left to right) Jo Kinsella as Margaret Mary Rose O'Boyle, Jonathan Judge-Russo as 'Flabby Arm Martinis', and Jimmy Kerr as Hugh Francis O'Connell

## SEPTEMBER CONCERT - GREAT MUSIC, GREAT NIGHT

In September we had a fabulous evening of Irish Song and Music, another in our series of **Culture, Cuisine and Craic** events. You can read all about it [here >>](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CENTER

### **December**

Author Sean McCabe will be launching **A Good Deed and Other Stories** at the Center on the evening of Wednesday the 9th. The book is a series of seventeen interconnected short stories, creating an evocative portrait of small town life in the Ireland of the 1980s.

**Children's Christmas Party** - Sunday the 20th 1pm - Santa will be here!!!

### **January**

Saturday January 16th 2010 :In conjunction with the **Irish Studies Department at New York University**, the New York Irish Center presents the first in its **Know Ireland Better** series of lectures:

**Music In The Mountains: The Catskills and Irish Traditional Music**, given by renowned traditional Irish musician **Brendan Dolan**.

For further details on these events call 718-482-0909, or visit [nyirish.org](#)

## IN THE MEDIA

Well-known author and journalist Denis Hamill came by the Center in September **and had this to say in the Daily News**.

## OTHER STUFF...

### **GAA Classics**

Want to relive Dublin v Kerry from 1975, or Cork v Galway from 1990? The New York

Irish Center has a bunch of classic GAA games (and some rugby too!) that it is itching to show. Check out the list [here](#), and let us know your vote for a screening at the Center. Reply to this email with your choice.

### Management Update

The New York Irish Center is pleased to announce that in June this year, **Paul Finnegan** assumed the position of Executive Director. Paul comes with a wealth of experience, both in the not-for-profit and private sector. He has served as Executive Director with Emerald Isle Immigration Center from 1994 to 1998, and most recently has served that organization as Treasurer. Since 1998 he has worked in the US foodservice industry, primarily on B2B information systems and marketing via the Internet. Paul is extremely excited to be working with the Center's Board, among them Fr. Colm Campbell (President), Sean Mackin (Chairman) and Mary McMullan (Treasurer), to, in his words, "help this organization reach its full and enormous potential". You can listen to Paul in an October 31st interview on the Adrian Flannelly Show [here >>](#). *(scroll through the archives as needed).*

## ABOUT THE NEW YORK IRISH CENTER

With its typically Irish **Céad Míle Fáile** (one hundred thousand welcomes) the New York Irish Center is a home to all who wish to connect to the Irish and Irish American community in the New York Tri-State area. Located in a beautiful East River waterfront neighborhood, just one stop on the subway from Grand Central, right at the exit of the Midtown tunnel, the Center offers a wide range of cultural program for all ages, among them Irish language, dance and music classes, céilís (Irish dances), and a Wednesday Senior Lunch and Social Club, to name just a few activities. You can review the current regular schedule [here](#). The Center also serves as a regular meeting place for many Irish organizations in the region, making it a focal point for the community. The New York Irish Center is an initiative of its visionary founder, Fr. Colm Campbell of Belfast, and the Irish immigrant and Irish American communities of New York. It is a tremendous example of 'giving back' and sharing, the very spirit that has made the New York Irish strong for generations.

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE!!!

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**[East West Classics](#) has 2 new tie designs**

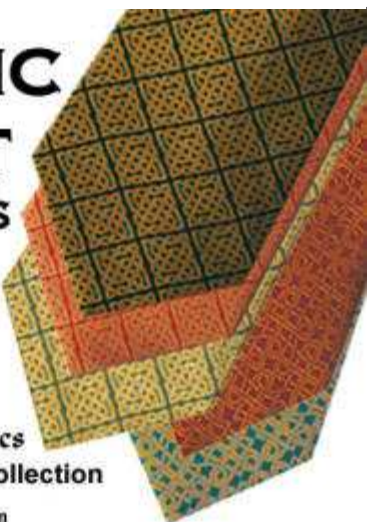
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