



United Irish Cultural Center of San Francisco (UICC)

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St. Patrick's Day 2025 — 50th Anniversary Season for the UICC

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SAN FRANCISCO, OUTER SUNSET Marking their 50th Anniversary Season, the United Irish Cultural Center represents Ireland in San Francisco! With origins in San Francisco dating back to the late 1800s and officially opening their doors on 45th Avenue 50 years ago this month, the United Irish Cultural Center thrives today as an important cultural institution committed to celebrating, promoting, and preserving the rich culture and heritage of Ireland.

Through cultural programming and vibrant youth programs we honor the legacy of the Irish immigrants and Irish Americans and chronicle their immense contributions throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. These are the shoulders upon which the UICC community stands as it builds for the future with city-approved plans for an incredible new building in their Outer Sunset location—a capital campaign is underway.

The month of March, officially designated as Irish American Heritage Month, has been a full calendar of cultural events and entertainment offerings for the UICC, which also includes a

robust Membership Drive and a special pre-sale price for the [4th Annual Rock the Gates Summer Music Festival](#) at the UICC on August 23, 2024 featuring the premier U2 tribute band—[LAvation](#) as the headliner! Now it all comes down to the big St. Patrick's Day weekend—a celebration 50 years in the making. All are welcome!

PARADE PARTICIPATION: The **UICC is Unit #31** in the 174th [San Francisco St. Patrick's Day Parade](#) set to kick off on **March 15, 2025**, at 11 am from 2nd and Market St. and make its way to City Hall, where the Irish Flag was raised on March 7. UICC Board Member and native of Ireland, [Mark Gorman was named the 2025 Grand Marshal](#) in recognition for his countless contributions to the local Irish community. The 2025 San Francisco St. Patrick's Day Parade celebrates the theme "*The Immigrant's Story*", honoring the diverse histories, cultures, and contributions of immigrants of all backgrounds to both the city and the nation, and the **UICC float is sure to be a winner this year!** We are delighted to announce that our special float, created by Parade Guys, who produce some of the City's best parade floats for Lunar New Year, Pride, and others, will ensure that the UICC has our best year yet!

In addition, you might have heard him at Chase Center—we welcome our very own float MC, [Franco Finn](#)—the Golden State Warriors hype-man. Franco is super excited to embrace his Irish roots, raised in and currently living in the Sunset, son of Irishman—the late George Finn, and help the UICC celebrate its 50th Anniversary. We will have a DJ playing the best Irish hits and sharing fun facts of the immigrant story to honor this year's parade theme.

Three Big Family-Friendly Events to Highlight at the United Irish Cultural Center from Sat. March 15—Mon. March 17

All are welcome back to the UICC immediately following the parade to carry on the celebration.

Saturday, March 15

Annual Post-Parade Party

2:00 pm

UICC—2700 45th Ave, SF

\$10 cover/Members and youth are free

REGISTER: <https://irishcentersf.org/events/>

Join us at the annual Corned Beef and Cabbage meal, featuring San Francisco's own Robert's Corned Beef, and know you are coming to the biggest, best, post-parade St. Patrick's Day party in San Francisco!

There will be live bands, Irish Dancing, and the Irish Pipers in three locations (two indoors, one outdoors) throughout our facility. Additional food items such as the popular corned beef sliders and grilled cheese and hot dogs for the kids as well plus plenty of Irish treats and sweets at our Irish Shoppe (2-6 pm), which will also have fresh soda and brown bread.

The Dowling Library will be open from 2-5 pm, so check out the latest titles and offerings—and bring the kids for stickers and coloring sheets!

Current UICC members and all youth under 18 are free; \$10 cover for adult non-members. You must show proof of age 21+ to purchase alcohol.

March 15, 2025 Entertainment Schedule (3 stages):

2-4 pm	Turf in the Bog	Trad	Wawona Gates
2-4 pm	Sean and Pat O'Donnell	Trad	Emerald Pub
3-5 pm	Michael O'Malley DJ	Irish	St. Patrick's Room
4-6 pm	Ben Wise and Shane Reidy	Trad	Emerald Pub
4-6:30 pm	Turf in the Bog	Trad	Wawona Gates
5-5:30 pm	Murphy Irish Dancers		St. Patrick's Room
5:30-6 pm	Boyle Irish Dancers		St. Patrick's Room
6-6:30 pm	Whelan Irish Dancers		St. Patrick's Room
6-8 pm	Kavanaugh Brothers	Trad	Emerald Pub
7 pm –	Michael O'Malley DJ	Irish	St. Patrick's Room
8-10 pm	Mike Keane and The Harps	Trad	Emerald Pub

Plus a special appearance by the San Francisco Irish Pipers

Then come back on Sunday!

Sunday, March 16

Green Fest Block Party

Noon-6 pm

UICC—2700 45th Ave, SF

FREE EVENT

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The United Irish Cultural Center, Java Beach at the Zoo, United Irish Societies, and Cooley Keegan Comhaltas presents GREEN FEST 2025—family friendly St. Patrick's Day celebration and a cherished Sunset tradition! A block of 45th Ave is closed off to traffic in front of the Irish Center between Sloat and Wawona where guests will enjoy food/beverage, entertainment, Irish dancers, live music, pipers, vendors, children's activities, and more.

Enjoy browsing **booths and vendors** including Orla Daly and Irish Castle Gifts; Marie Mallon and Treasure Ireland; Theresa Mallon and Roisin Rince; Jill Rosenberg Ceramics; Gerry Kelly and Sonas Fashion; and other community organizations.

Food options include Shepherd’s pies (veg available); grilled cheeses and hot dogs, and Carlos Mora Taco Truck later in the afternoon. Get your sweets and treats from Ireland and fresh soda and brown bread from the UICC Irish Shoppe (noon- 5pm).

For the kids there will be a bounce house as well as face painting available. The Dowling Library will be open from noon-5 pm, so check out the latest titles and offerings—and bring the kids for stickers and coloring sheets!

Family friendly; no cover charge. You must show proof of age 21+ to purchase alcohol.

March 16, 2025, Entertainment Schedule:

12-1:30	UICC Playlist	Irish	45 th Avenue
1-3 pm	Pigs in the Rigging	Trad	Emerald Pub (inside)
1:30-5 pm	The Hooks	Celtic Rock	45 th Avenue
2 pm	Whelan Irish Dancers		45 th Avenue
2:30 pm	Murphy Irish Dancers		45 th Avenue
3 pm	Boyle Irish Dancers		45 th Avenue
3-5 pm	Ivor Collins	Trad	Emerald Pub

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Monday, March 17 St. Patrick’s Day Celebration

Noon-late
UICC—2700 45th Ave, SF
\$10 cover/Members and youth are free
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The place to be in San Francisco for St. Patrick’s Day is the United Irish Cultural Center at 45th & Wawona. We feature live Irish bands, indoor and outdoor spaces, three bars, several local schools of Irish dancing, and a hot Corned Beef and Cabbage meal featuring SF Robert’s Corned Beef. Wear your green—the entire UICC community looks forward to celebrating with you!

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12-2 pm	Shane Reidy and the O'Donnell Brothers	Trad	Wawona Gates
12-6 pm	Michael O'Malley DJ	Irish	St. Patrick's Room
2-4 pm	The Gas Men	Trad	Wawona Gates
2-4 pm	Kilowatt Decoys		Emerald Pub
4 pm	Murphy Irish Dancers		Emerald Pub
4-6 pm	Sean and Pat O'Donnell	Trad	Wawona Gates
4:30 pm	Murphy Irish Dancers		St. Patrick's Room
4:30 pm	Jackie Flynn Irish Dancers		Emerald Pub
5 pm	Kennelly Irish Dancers		Emerald Pub
5:30 pm	Boyle Irish Dancers		St. Patrick's Room
5:30-9 pm	Celtic Scandal	Rock	Emerald Pub
6 pm	Whelan Irish Dancers		St. Patrick's Room

Plus a special appearance by the San Francisco Irish Pipers (approx 3:30 pm)

PRESS PHOTOS/VIDEOS (from last year's events)

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