

## Consulate General of Ireland, Atlanta March 2016 Newsletter

### Irish News

While the final make-up of the 32nd Dáil has not been finalised, it is clear that [more women than ever have been elected](#). A total of 35 women were elected in last Friday's poll, up ten from the 2011 election.

Ireland achieved nine nominations and [two Oscar wins](#) this year. Our films took home the Best Leading Actress and Best Short Film awards.

President Obama [proclaimed](#) March 2016 Irish-American Heritage Month.

Atlanta's Brian Boland and Jessica Houghton were included in [the Irish Echo's Top Under 40](#) awards in late February.

[Nominations](#) can now be submitted for the Presidential Distinguished Service Award for the Irish Abroad.

Read the [statement](#) of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade on the outcome of the European Council discussions on the UK's future membership of the EU.

The UN selected Ireland to co-facilitate the preparations for summit of world leaders in September in New York on Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants.

Minister Donohoe launched Dublin's [St. Patrick's Festival Programme](#) and our programme of [Global Greenings](#). The Colosseum in Rome, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Sacré-Cœur Basilica in Paris, the Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro and Nelson's Column in London will go green this year to celebrate St Patrick's Day.

Over [1,500 jobs](#) will be created over the next three years by 105 High Potential Start-Up companies supported by Enterprise Ireland last year.

Ambassador Anderson undertook a highly productive [visit to Tennessee](#) January 27-28. This was covered by [Nashville NPR](#).

### Upcoming Events in the South East

The [Hibernian Benevolent Society of Atlanta](#) will hold its annual Black Tie Ball on Saturday, March 5, at the Druid Hills Golf Club. This year's event will also host the formal launch of [Irish Network Atlanta](#). Consul General Stephens and Mr Steve Lenox, the President of Irish Network, USA, will attend.

The Consulate General of Ireland's major *1916 Centenary Concert – a Celebration of Irish Culture* will be held at Georgia Tech's Ferst Center for the Arts from 4pm

on March 6. The programme will be headlined by [The Willis Clan](#) and [John Doyle](#) and will present an extract from *We have Risen*, a 1916 performance with an African American dimension. Tickets for this wonderful family-friendly event are available from the [Ferst Center Box Office](#)

The [Irish Chamber of Atlanta](#) will hold its annual St Patrick's Breakfast on March 11.

Also on March 11, in line with tradition, the [Hibernian Benevolent Society of Atlanta](#)'s Fr. O'Reilly Memorial Mass and Wreath Laying and will take place at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and Old Atlanta City Hall.

The Atlanta Irish Music School will open for [Emmet Cahill](#) at the Red Clay Music Foundry on March 11.

The [Atlanta St Patrick's Day Parade](#), the city's longest running event, will commence at noon on March 12. This year's parade programme will mark 100 years since the 1916 Easter Rising and include a road race. The World-Famous Budweiser Clydesdales will also join in the celebrations.

"We Have Risen", part of our 1916 Centenary Programme, will be performed in full by Gateway Performance Productions, the Helene S. Mills Senior Multipurpose Facility and the Dekalb School of the Arts on March 12 at 6pm at the Masonic Center Auditorium, 1690 Peachtree St. NW, Atlanta. [Tickets](#) are required for this free performance.

[Huntsville, Alabama's St Patrick's Day Parade](#) & [Birmingham, Alabama's St Patrick's Day Parade](#) will both take place on March 12.

The City of Ft Lauderdale will also hold a wonderful [St Patricks Day Festival](#) on March 12. Over 60,000 are expected to attend.

The Tallahassee Irish Society celebrates all things Irish with its [26th annual parade and 7th annual Festival March 12](#) in an exciting new venue, The Centre of Tallahassee, with open air stage and covered entertainment pavilion.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> [Music City Irish Fest](#) will be better than ever in Nashville on March 12. It will be headlined by *We Banjo 3*, *The Willis Clan* and *Altan*. This fantastic event will be opened in style by the Lord Mayor of Belfast and the Mayor of Nashville.

As part of Culture Ireland's I am Ireland Programme, [We Banjo 3](#) will also play the Mountain Stage Radio, Charleston, on March 13.

The [College of Charleston's Easter Rising Series](#) will kick off with a lecture by Stephen White on Charleston's reaction to the Easter Rising on March 15.

The annual [St. Patrick's Mass](#) at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Atlanta, will take place on March 17.

[Savannah's legendary 191<sup>st</sup> Saint Patrick's Day Parade](#) will take place on March 17.

[Charlotte's 19<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day Parade](#) will set out on March 19. This year's Grand Marshal will be Anne Anderson, the Ambassador of Ireland.

Dublin, Georgia will hold another fabulous [St Patrick's Day Festival](#) throughout the month of March, including a major Parade and Arts & Crafts Festival on March 19.

Acclaimed Irish poet Caitriona O'Reilly will read at 6.30pm on March 23 in Emory University's [Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, & Rare Book Library](#). The event is free and open to the public.

As part of Culture Ireland's I am Ireland Programme, trad supergroup [The Gloaming](#) will play the Savannah Music Festival on March 24, Duke University on March 24 and the Big Ears Festival, Knoxville, on March 31.

On April 2 the [Music City Invitational](#), Nashville GAC's 2nd Annual GAC's Hurling and Camogie 9's Tournament will take place.

Professor Joseph Lee will speak on "The Easter 1916 Rising in Ireland in Historical Perspective" on April 4 at the College of Charleston. This address by the Glucksman Chair of Irish History at New York University is presented by Consulate General of Ireland and the College of Charleston's Irish and Irish American Studies. The [event](#) will be open to the public and free to attend.

If there are Irish events you would like us to highlight in future newsletters or if you know others who would like to receive these newsletters [please let us know](#).

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