

#### ST PATRICK'S DAY 18<sup>th</sup> March 16<sup>th</sup> District – Ottakringer Brewery



This St. Patrick's Day we are planning something very special.

We in conjunction with the generous support of Brian Patton and his Team at Charlie P's Pub and Dining are bringing the parade and celebrations to one of our favourite districts - the 16th.

Parade Participants will assemble 11:30 at Yppenplatz. The Parade route will leave **Yppenplatz** and proceed along **Ottakringer Brewery** to where one of the biggest celebrations of Irish culture, music, dance, cuisine, history, literature, ever to be held in Vienna, will take place.

The Irish are a diasporic people and we are both proud of what our community here in Austria has achieved in this our adopted homeland and we are also grateful for our community's continuing commitment to their homeland of birth or origin. Ireland's national day is celebrated all over the world but the celebrations in Vienna are particularly special. The links between the Irish people and this city are strong and long-standing. We have always felt welcome in the Austrian capital. St. Patrick's Day has been celebrated in Vienna by the Irish and their friends for centuries, going back to the time of the Irish monks who founded the Schottenstift.

In keeping with the inclusive and generous spirit of St. Patrick, our celebrations accommodate all ages, all communities and all ethnicities. Our love for life and our sense of fun are also constants, as is our core value system that extols pride of place, community cohesion, intergenerational solidarity and an innate spirit of hope and optimism. A marvellous programme of culture and fun has been put together and we encourage all our Viennese friends to come along and celebrate our national day with us.

Follow the Embassy Website and Facebook Page for more details.









#### EXHIBITION OPENING Friday, 24 February

Ambassador Hanney opens an exhibition by a renowned Irish artist Eamonn Colman 19:00-22:00 Stern Studio Mayergasse 7 1020 Vienna

All are welcome to attend. The exhibition will run from Feb 24 – March 26.

For more information see

https://www.dfa.ie/irishembassy/austria/news-andevents/2017/



### GREENING OF THE RIESENRAD

From the 7th March
The Riesenrad along with many
other prominent buildings and
monuments across Austria will
turn green in celebration of St.
Patrick's Day!



https://www.tourismireland.com/Press-Releases/2017

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The embassy has launched its own facebook page.

https://www.facebook.co m/irlembvienna/

Like to keep up to date with information on all embassy events and news.

# Irish Ball Vienna 2017 March 11 - Intercontinental Hotel Sponsored by Paddysco and Carlow Brewing Company

#### The Venue

This year's Irish Ball will return to the elegant InterContinental Hotel at Stadtpark, Vienna.

You can see more information about the InterContinental Hotel here!

#### **Tickets**

Tickets for the Irish Ball go on sale January 30th. If you'd like to order a ticket, please contact the committee at irishballvienna@gmail.com

#### The Sponsors

The Ball is sponsored by <u>Paddysco</u> and the <u>Carlow</u> <u>Brewing Company</u>. We'd like to thank both parties for returning to sponsor this year's Ball.

#### All Proceeds Go To

<u>Temple St. Children's University Hospital, Dublin and Sankt Anna Kinderspital, Vienna.</u>

You can learn more about both causes here!





#### IRISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA SPRINGS INTO ACTION INTERNATIONALLY WITH AN ORCHESTRAL FIRST IN VIENNA

The Irish Chamber Orchestra (ICO) is Ireland's finest chamber orchestra, combining high quality performances with an expansive artistic vision. Following a successful tour in Belgium & Germany in February, the ICO makes its debut, and will be the first Irish orchestra to perform, at the prestigious Vienna Konzerthaus (23 & 24 March) in Vienna. This famous hall is regarded as one of the largest and most artistically progressive institutions in international music and is central to Vienna's reputation as one of the world's leading music capitals.

For further information and to buy tickets please visit <a href="https://www.konzerthaus.at/en">https://www.konzerthaus.at/en</a>

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD WINTER GAMES, AUSTRIA

## GRAZ, SCHLADMING, RAMSAU: 18TH - 24TH MARCH 2017

The world's largest sports and humanitarian event in 2017 will be the Special Olympics World Games in Graz and Schladming, Austria. Austria will welcome 3,000 Special Olympics athletes from 110 nations to compete in nine Olympic-type winter sport. The Special Olympics movement is committed to creating a world where every person, regardless of their ability or disability, is accepted, welcomed and valued.

Team Ireland at the World Winter Games
Irish athletes: 26
Total delegation size: 38
Team Ireland will compete in Floorball and Alpine
Skiing at these Games