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**THE BATON ROUGE IRISH CLUB ANNOUNCED  
THE THIRD ANNUAL  
BATON ROUGE IRISH FILM FESTIVAL**

The Baton Rouge Irish Club is proud to announce the third annual Irish Film Festival to be held at the Manship Theatre in downtown Baton Rouge on Saturday, July 16 from noon to 10:30 PM. An exciting day of entertainment will include the showing of three highly acclaimed films about Ireland and the Irish people including *Into the West*, *Boys and Girl from County Clare* and *An Everlasting Piece*. Three short films will be shown throughout the day between the full length films. The short films include *Literary Pub Crawl with Frank McCourt*, *Paperman* and *Pentecost*. A. J. Buckley, an actor on the popular T.V. series CSI-New York, will host a question and answer session. Admission to the three main films is \$8.50 each plus tax and handling fees. Tickets purchased for each film will include one of the short films. Complimentary refreshments will be available between each full length film along with a cash bar. The day will begin with performances by bagpipers Na Cait Dubh. During the day “movie-goers” will enjoy performances by the fabulous McTeggarts School of Irish Dancers and music by the O’Neill Sisters, an exciting group from Ireland, and local favorites Doc McCrutchan and Randy Walsh. Tickets are on sale at [manshiptheatre.org](http://manshiptheatre.org) or by calling 225-344-0334.

After the films are shown, the party will continue at the Red Star Bar with musical entertainment by Pete and Chris. On Sunday, July 17 *The Fighting 69<sup>th</sup>* with James Cagney will

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be shown during Military Day at the VFW Hall. Phil Brady's Bar and Grill will show the film *Perrier's Bounty* on Monday, July 18.

The Irish in Louisiana were making their own history long before the American Colonies won their independence. Today Irish influence is pervasive throughout Louisiana and touches every aspect of our society. The mission of the Irish Club is to promote that Irish culture and those Irish traditions in the Greater Baton Rouge area. The Irish Film Festival adds another opportunity for everyone in the area to learn more about the Irish experience and have fun at the same time.

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## CELEBRITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN IRISH FILM FESTIVAL

Celebrities will grace the stage of the Manship Theatre during the third annual Irish Film Festival this year to be held on Saturday, July 16.

One of Ireland's new popular groups, the O'Neill Sisters, sing not only Celtic songs but also pop-folk and country. The three young sisters, Fiona, Naomi and Evangeline, come from a musical family who have influenced them in writing and producing songs that contain elements that appeal to a wide range of audiences. Their music is a blend of their Irish upbringing. They recently teamed up with some talented Irish musicians to bring life to their own original songs. The response to their music has been overwhelming. With their talent and beauty they could very well be the next big music act coming out of Ireland.

Popular actor A. J. Buckley, a native of Ireland, will be on hand to take questions from the audience after the one hour documentary *The Pubs of Dublin with Frank McCourt*. He and his family immigrated to British Columbia when he was a child. His acting career began as a teenager when he was cast in the

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television series *The Odyssey*, followed by starring roles in *The X-Files* and *The Millennium*. In 1968 he was case in the thriller *Disturbing Behavior*. Currently he is a cast member of the popular T. V. series CSI: New York as Adam Ross. During his career he has appeared in over 20 feature films and several T. V. shows. Buckley is currently producing several television and feature projects with his company FourFront Productions. He is co-owner and partner of Louisiana's top entertainment magazine, *Scene Magazine*.