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IRELAND COMES TO BATON ROUGE  
THE BATON ROUGE IRISH CLUB PRESENTS  
THE 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL IRISH FILM FESTIVAL

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Baton Rouge Irish Film Festival will be held on Friday, July 28 and Saturday, July 29, 2017, at the Manship Theatre in downtown Baton Rouge. The film festival continues to address the mission of the Irish Club to promote, encourage and support Irish culture through the arts and literature, especially in the Greater Baton Rouge area.

The extremely popular event, **Wee Irish Short Night**, will be held on Friday night, July 28, with a showing of eight short films, including *A Little Bit of Fear; Even Droid Have Friends; Second to None; The Fashion Show; The Nation Holds Its Breath; The Lost Letter; Digs for Pennies; The Sweetest Thing; Gridlock* and *There is Something About the Virgin Mary*.

**Irish Music by the Celtic Band, "Hint of Whiskey"**, featuring Brian Breen, Pete Dawson and Frank Bladen, will be on hand playing traditional tunes and songs of Ireland and Scotland as well as original pieces. Brian Breen (guitar, mandolin and vocals) brings a multitude of lively tunes and songs he learned from his father, who came from Northern Ireland, as well as offering wonderful lead and accompaniments. Pete Dawson (flute, penny whistle and vocals) has been playing since the age of six and has garnished high acclaim from a multitude of his peers including members of the Chieftains! His highly infectious style of playing will keep you "dancing." Frank Bladen (Bodhran, vocals and various other percussion instruments) is a driving force behind the group's unique rhythm and percussion.

Refreshments with a cash bar will be available during intermission. Audience members will be asked to vote on their favorite shorts at the conclusion of the night and an award will be announced for the Director of the Best Short Film. Admission for Wee Irish Film Night is \$8.50 plus tax.

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On **Festival Day**, Saturday, July 29, audiences will enjoy four full-length films, including *Dare to be Wild*; *A Date for Mad Mary*; *The Journey*; *The Flag* and a documentary, *How to Defuse a Bomb*. During two breaks on Saturday, refreshments with a cash bar will be offered and the Celtic Band, “Hint of Whiskey”, will entertain. Admission for each full-length film is \$8.50 plus tax. There is no charge for the full-length documentary. Immediately following the last film, an **After Party** will be held at a location in downtown Baton Rouge with entertainment by the Celtic Band, “Hint of Whiskey”, and a cash bar.

To purchase tickets contact Manship Theatre at 225-344-0334 or purchase tickets on line from their web site, [manshiptheatre.org](http://manshiptheatre.org).

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