

The St. Patrick's Day Foundation Annual Gala

Celebrating the 264th consecutive year of
The New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade
and honoring 2025 Grand Marshal Michael Benn



Wednesday, March 12, 2025

6:00 PM Cocktails

7:30 PM Dinner and Entertainment

New York Marriot Marquis

1535 Broadway, New York NY 10036

RSVP: No later than March 1st, 2025

BOOK ONLINE: To purchase tables/tickets online, visit:

StPatricksDayFoundation.org

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We kindly request Business Attire



The Board of Directors of the
NYC St. Patrick's Day Foundation
cordially invites you to attend its
Annual Gala Dinner Honoring
Michael Benn

*The 2025 Grand Marshal of the
New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade*

Michael Benn was born in Clare Street, Limerick City Ireland. He attended Christian Brothers Secondary School before migrating to the United States with his family in 1962. Michael finished school at Cardinal Hayes High School before attending and graduating from Mercy College with a degree in accounting.

Michael proudly served as a Sergeant in the US Army from 1969 through 1972.

Michael and his wife Christina, who also migrated from Limerick City, met in the Bronx, NY and eventually built their life and family in Rockaway Beach, NY. They have been happily married for 55 years and were blessed to have 6 beautiful children; 5 sons (Michael, Richard, William, Brendan, and Patrick), as well as their only daughter Tara. They have 5 wonderful daughters in laws (Kimberly, Helena, Martina, Valerie, and Kristen) as well as 11 grandchildren (Michael, Oliver, Shayla, Brendan, Ryan, Heidi, Madison, Richard, Mackenzie Cassidy, and Teagan). They raised their family to be proud of their Irish roots, to embrace their Catholic upbringing, and celebrate their Irish culture.

Michael retired from the Construction Industry after spending time in two strong unions: International Union of Operating Engineers Local 30 and Local 608 Carpenters Union.

Michael is the President and Chairman of Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade in Rockaway Beach, the 2nd largest St. Patrick's Day parade in New York. He works effortlessly on organizing the parade year-round to ensure strong Irish leaders are recognized and celebrated.

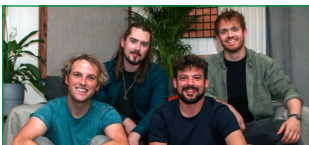
Michael has close ties in the Irish community and is very involved in celebrating Irish culture. He produces and directs Au Sul Na Gael "In the Eyes of the Irish" television show that promotes Irish culture and heritage.

He was honored by the New York City Council on 3 separate Occasions and received the Tom Manton award. Michael also received the Irish Ministry Shining Star, was the Chief Brehon of Coney Island's Great Irish Fair, and Queens County AOH man of the year.

Michael is a proud son of Limerick and his love for Ireland holds no bounds.

This year's Gala will feature a
special musical performance by

seo Linn



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Michael Benn, 2025 Grand Marshal

Sean Lane, NYC ST. Patrick's Day Parade Chairman

Hilary Beirne, St. Patrick's Day Foundation Chairman

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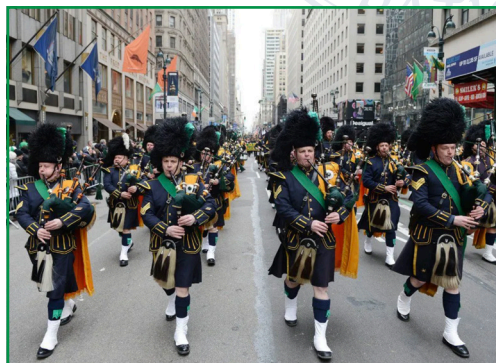
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Our Mission and Our History

The mission of the St. Patrick's Day Foundation is to support the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade, and celebrate the contributions of the Irish to American society, with scholarships and an ambitious year-round program of social and culture events. The first New York St. Patrick's parade stepped off Lower Broadway on March 17th 1762, fourteen years before the Declaration of Independence. Over two hundred and sixty years later, it is considered the largest parade in the world, with two hundred thousand marchers, and more than two million spectators lining Fifth Avenue. The television broadcast of the parade connects over 1.5 million household viewers with this extraordinary tradition, and the web-streaming of the parade, which began in 2008, expands the impact of the parade worldwide.

Getting Involved

We seek to engage Irish America, the Irish both here and abroad, and all New Yorkers to support our mission. Your financial support and personal involvement is crucial to our mission's success.



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