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Boston's St. Patrick's Celebration 2010 Packed with concerts, parade, Restaurant Week Boston®

Dropkick Murphys, Celtic Woman, Celtic Sojourn,
Irish Pubs and St. Patrick's Day Weekend kick off Restaurant Week Boston Winter
March 14-19 & March 21-26, 2010
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BOSTON, February 25, 2010 – The Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau invites visitors to Boston & Cambridge for the best celebration of St. Patrick's anywhere in the USA concerts – Irish pubs, Restaurant Week Boston® – and great hotel getaway deals are posted on Boston's official visitor website: www.BostonUSA.com/GreatDeals

The Parade

- The **109th annual Boston St. Patrick's Day parade** will begin at 1:00 PM on Sunday, **March 14, 2010** in South Boston, Boston's most Irish neighborhood. The parade features dozens of marching bands and pipe bands from Ireland and North America, including local favorites like the Boston Police Gaelic Column, composed of Boston police officers. The 105th annual parade celebrates a glorious tradition of keeping Irish heritage alive in Boston.

The Entertainment

- **In Concert: The Dropkick Murphys at House of Blues! March 12-17, 2010.** The world famous Dropkick Murphys will play six concerts at Boston's House of Blues on Lansdowne Street, March 12-17, 2010. The demand for tickets has been so strong they are adding one more (final) show to the Boston run and will be playing an early show. On Saturday March 13th, doors will open at 1 PM. Their new album "**Live On Lansdowne**" hits the streets on March 16, 2010, just in time for St. Patrick's Day.
- **In Concert: A St. Patrick's Celtic Sojourn at Sanders Theatre Cambridge: March 20, 2010.** The 5th annual celebration of Irish traditional music, called A St. Patrick's Day Celtic Sojourn, was first produced in 2004 and will feature the return of an iconic fiddler from Ireland, Frankie Gavin, who has created a new and dynamic version of his band De Dannan. Guitarist extraordinaire Tony McManus will join the band along with the young singer and harpist Maeve Gilchrist who has been turning heads all over the world.
- **Celtic Woman** Citi Performing Arts Center, Wang Theatre, **March 12-14, 2010.** Celtic Woman, a smash hit around the globe, returns with an all new live show. The awe inspiring vocalists Lisa, Chloë, Lynn and Alex along with the mesmerizing Celtic violinist Máiréad continue to capture the hearts of fans across the country on a whirlwind tour of America. Their critically acclaimed new television special, **CELTIC WOMAN – SONGS FROM THE HEART**, filmed live from Powerscourt House and Gardens in Ireland, is a blockbuster on PBS. Come see Celtic Woman with their 6-piece band and the Aontas Choir perform unique renditions of Irish standards, classical favorites and contemporary hits. **CELTIC WOMAN - SONGS FROM THE HEART** promises to be a live concert event that you and your entire family will never forget!
- Legendary Irish fiddle player **Seamus Connolly** performs at **Tamo**, a sophisticated contemporary bar in the **Seaport Boston** Hotel on March 17 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. No cover charge. Tamo is serving boiled Irish dinner, Sheppard's Pie, plus Hors d'oeuvres and other selections from the critically acclaimed Chef Rachel Klein. Aura Restaurant in the Seaport Hotel features a contemporary menu as well as specialty cocktails and a superb wine list. The celebration continues through the weekend, as Boston's popular band,

Hogan's Goat, plays an assortment of dance tunes, ballads and sea shanties on Friday, March 19 and Saturday, March 20, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

- **The Beehive** located at the Boston Center for the Arts at 541 Tremont, hosts a **Traditional St. Patrick's Day Celebration with Tri and The Tri Step Dancers**. The trio consists of New England's most sought after traditional Celtic musicians. Award winning bagpiper Matthew Phelps, fiddler Doug Lamey, and guitarist Cliff McGann. Wednesday, March 17, 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM. No cover charge.

Irish American Heritage Touring & Events

- **Boston's Irish Heritage Trail** is a self-guided, three-mile walking tour that covers 300 years of history as it takes you through Boston's downtown, North End, Beacon Hill and Back Bay. Learn about famous politicians, artists, matriarchs and war heroes, part of a rich tradition of rebellion, leadership and triumph that personifies the Boston Irish. Maps are available at the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau's Boston Common Visitor Center, the Prudential Center Visitor Information Center or visit www.irishheritagetrail.com.
- **JFK Library Presents: Themselves - An Immigrant's Story**. John F. Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum Columbia Point, Boston 10:30 AM | Free Performances For Children Ages 5 and Up. (617) 514-1644. Reservations required | jfklibrary.org. What is it like to leave home and settle in a new country? Follow a young nineteenth-century Irish woman on a journey to America. Hear about her struggle to begin a new life while keeping her Irish heritage alive in this interactive performance featuring storytelling, traditional music, and an Irish jig!
- For an overview of all things Irish in Boston, visit www.irishboston.org.

The Pubs

- **In Boston there are plenty of authentic Irish pubs to visit:** Boston has the most Irish pubs outside Dublin. Adjacent to Faneuil Hall Marketplace and the waterfront, **The Black Rose** is one of the most famous watering holes this side of Galway Bay. The menu includes mouthwatering corned beef and cabbage, aged Angus steak, Shepherd's Pie, as well as New England seafood and a pint or two of perfectly-poured Guinness. Traditional Irish breakfast is served every Saturday and Sunday. The Black Rose is a landmark for Boston's Irish and a destination for many visitors (it even features a children's menu). Live Irish entertainment nightly and on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. In Faneuil Hall Marketplace itself **Ned Devine's** hand painted murals, imported Irish woodwork, original brickwork and ambient lighting create a welcoming and comfortable atmosphere. In the Back Bay **M. J. O'Conner's** offers a warm and welcoming atmosphere enhanced with eye-catching stained glass creates a spectacular drop by visit Full Irish menu. Also in the Back Bay **Solas** means comfort in Gaelic and comfort is exactly what you'll find in this modern day space influenced by Irish architecture and embroidered in style.
- In **Cambridge**, there are plenty of pubs to visit: Named for Dublin's most famous street, **Grafton Street Pub** in Cambridge's Harvard Square, is a combination of traditional Irish pub and contemporary restaurant. Grafton Street features more than a dozen beers on tap and an extensive wine list. Another Cambridge favorite is **Temple Bar**, named after the bustling entertainment district of Temple Bar, Dublin, here you can relax, dine, and enjoy the wide selection of wine, beer, and single malt scotches

Restaurant Week Boston – 224 restaurants!

- March 2010 celebrates the 5th anniversary of Winter Restaurant Week Boston® when restaurants will be serving discounted prix fixe meals from **Sunday, March 14 through Friday, March 19 and Sunday, March 21 through Friday, March 26, 2010**. Diners will enjoy 2-course lunches for **\$15.10**, 3-course lunches for **\$20.10** and 3-course dinners for **\$33.10** throughout Boston, Cambridge, the suburbs and beyond. Prices are per person and exclude beverages, tax and gratuities. Diners can choose from old favorites to the latest culinary hot spots, from nationally known chain restaurants to local chef owned bistros, from Asian or Argentinean fare to French, Italian, tapas and sushi, from the award-winning restaurants of Boston and Cambridge to the gourmet gems in the suburbs north, west and south of the city. Restaurant Week Boston® is brought to you by the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau and American Express.
- **In 2010, the GBCVB has partnered with ArtsBoston to add an affordable dinner and a show option.** Starting in March 2010, the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau in partnership with **ArtsBoston** will offer diners half price tickets to select performances and concerts during Restaurant Week. Discounts are being offered throughout Greater Boston for performances at American Repertory Theater, Huntington Theatre Company, Boston Lyric Opera, Improv Asylum, and Blue Man Group. **ArtsBoston website:** www.bostix.org/restaurantweek

The Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau offers weekend hotel packages on their web site www.BostonUSA.com so it's easy to make this a great getaway.