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Subject: Irish Cultural Centre announces Day of Irish Culture at Massachusetts State House

On Wednesday, March 18th the Irish Cultural Centre of New England in partnership with the Consulate General of Ireland and Representative Mike Rush's office will be hosting the 2nd Annual Day of Irish Culture taking place at the Massachusetts State House.

"With much anticipation, our Board of Director's are looking forward to the 2nd Annual celebration. We are hoping this event will foster a long term interest statewide in Irish American heritage, continuing outside the month of March", said Michael O'Connor, President of the Irish Cultural Centre of New England.

The celebration will showcase more than 40 organizations from all over the Commonwealth that conduct business, provide services or promote Irish culture and heritage in Massachusetts. The event will also feature several musical demonstrations, Irish food, theater and art displays.

"Massachusetts is steeped in Irish history and tradition. From politics, to business, to the arts, the Irish have played a significant role in shaping this commonwealth. It is only fitting that we celebrate this tradition by hosting a day of Irish culture here at the State House", said Representative Mike Rush of West Roxbury.

Among the day's highlights will be musical performances by the Irish band Annalivia and musical duo Matt and Shannon Heaton, an Irish Step-dancing showcase by the Greene-O'Leary School of Dance, and Gaelic Poetry reciting by Cumann na Gaeilge i m Boston.

David Barry, Consul General of Ireland said: "The Consulate is once again delighted to join with the Irish Cultural Center in celebrating the "Day of Irish Culture". This is a wonderful opportunity for the many vibrant Irish organizations, who do so much to promote and preserve our cultural heritage, to showcase their activities for a wider audience. The "Day of Culture" highlights the longstanding links between Ireland and Massachusetts, to which we attach so much importance."

The event will take place from 11AM to 5PM and is free of charge and open to the public for complete details please visit www.irishculture.org.

Founded in 1989, the mission of the Irish Cultural Centre of New England (ICCNE) is to promote and organize Irish cultural, educational, sporting and social events. We aim to establish and sustain a facility where current and future generations of the New England community can participate in activities that promote Irish culture and heritage.

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