

Clontarf Irish Whiskey & Stella Artois Presents

The 19th ANNUAL

# CRAIC

March 2nd - 11th



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Welcome to our 19th annual Craic Fest. The films are moving to Cinepolis Theater (formerly Bow Tie Cinemas) on W. 23rd St with a filmmaker lounge on all three days of the film fest. The Kids Fleadh is back with some award winning shorts and Irish Step Dancing. Our film program is another strong documentary lineup this year with the opening night and U.S. premier of Fanatic Heart (about the Irish band Black 47). The band will be in attendance. Friday Night gala is the NY premier of Rebel Rossa directed by local filmmaker Williams Cole. A full slate Saturday with the premier of Crash and Burn (Directed by Sean O'Cualain). In the afternoon is the U.S. premier of Puck O' The Irish (Directed by Eamonn O'Cualain). We are delighted to host the NY premier of I Am Traveller (starring Love/Hate actor John Connors and directed by Kim Bartley). Closing night gala we have 66 Days (the Bobby Sands Story). The film lounge is sponsored by Stella Artois and Clontarf Irish Whiskey. The Music continues at Mercury Lounge on March 11 with special guests The Pat McGuire Band. Supporting lineup as well with Mick Hargan and Natalie Clark. Thanks to the Irish Caucus (CM VanBramer, CM Crowley and CM Dromm) for their continued support. Thanks to Speaker Melissa Mark Vivier and CM Julissa Ferreras for their support as well.

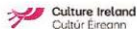
We are grateful to our presenting sponsors: Stella Artois and Castle Brands, Inc (Clontarf Irish Whiskey). Our official sponsors: Con Edison (Alton), Tourism Ireland (Ruth), Culture Ireland and the DCA. Special thanks to the IAC (Irish Arts Center) for the Kids Fleadh support. To Sully (our program designer), who always come off the bench when we need him. Kudos to Sally "Bobby" Calvi for updating the website. Special thanks to our volunteers. To my wife Flavia and my son Brooklyn see you at the Kids Fleadh. Save the date we have our Irish Heritage fest April 1st at O'Neills in Maspeth (thanks to Council Member Elizabeth Crowley). We hope you enjoy the program and get a chance to mix n mingle with the filmmakers and musicians over the festival. To all the filmmakers and musicians coming (22 of you) thanks for being apart of something special every March. Any feedback is encouraged on how we can make the festival better and more fun for you the CRAIC lovers. Keep an eye on our site over the next few months as we are planning more events throughout the year. Our 6th annual Craic LGBT event is May 11 at the Irish Arts Center with the premier of Handsome Devil. Check our website for events in April and May. Our email is the411@thecraicfest.com . Save the date 9/16 is our 2nd annual Rockaway Oyster & Irish Music festival. Enjoy the Craic.

Terence Mulligan  
Founder & CEO

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**Craic Fest**  
presents  
**IRISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL**  
at  
**O'NEILLS MASPETH - APRIL 1**  
64-21 53rd Dr, Maspeth, NY 11378

Special music guest: **The Narrowbacks**



Opening Act: Paddy Smith Blues Band  
w. Maighread Ni Ghrasta

**FREE EVENT**  
Must RSVP at  
[www.thecraicfest.com](http://www.thecraicfest.com)

**STELLA ARTOIS & CLONTARF WHISKEY HAPPY HOUR 7-8PM**  
**DOORS OPEN 7PM!**

Sponsored by Council member Elizabeth Crowley and the Cultural Immigrant Initiative

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## March 2nd Opening Night Gala – Fanatic Heart 7:30PM

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### **Black 47 music documentary**

Craic Fest opening night gala w the premier of Fanatic Heart. A documentary on the history of the Irish Rock band Black 47 in NYC with Larry Kirwan and Black 47 band members Geoffrey Blythe, Fred Parcells, Thomas Hamlin, Joseph “Bearclaw” Burcaw and Joe Mulvanerty.

Q&A to follow after with the Directors Stephanie Silber and Vic Zimet and Black 47 members as well.

Ticket includes pre party w Stella Artois and Clontarf Irish whiskey from 6-7:30pm. The film starts 7:30pm. More info at [www.thecraicfest.com](http://www.thecraicfest.com) Craic Fest runs March 2-11. All sales are final. no refunds & no exchanges

**ALL FILMS ARE AT CINEPOLIS Theater 260 W. 23rd St.**

## March 3rd Friday Night Gala – Rebel Rossa 7:30PM

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### **REBEL ROSSA**

NY Premier **REBEL ROSSA** is a personal investigation into the life and legacy of the Irish rebel Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa by his American great-grandsons told within the context of the controversies leading up to the 100-year anniversary of the Easter Rising in Ireland.

Director Williams Coles to attend.  
Q&A after the screening.

\$20 includes party 6-7:30pm and film  
(Stella Artois and Clontarf Irish Whiskey)

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## March 4th Kids Fleadh – 11:30AM

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### **KIDS FLEADH**

KIDS FLEADH at the Craic Fest is annual kids and family event. It is the best of Irish short films, story-telling and the Niall O'Leary Irish Step Dancers.

\$10 admission. Program starts 11:30am.  
more info log on to [www.thecraicfest.com](http://www.thecraicfest.com)

## March 4th Crash and Burn 1:30pm



### **CRASH AND BURN**

U.S. premier of CRASH AND BURN at Craic Fest. Directed by Sean O'Cualain. Sean will be in attendance for Q&A after the screening. Crash and Burn is an award winning documentray of legendary Formula 1 race car champion Tommy Byrne. "Tommy lived fast on and off the track".

\$10 Admission

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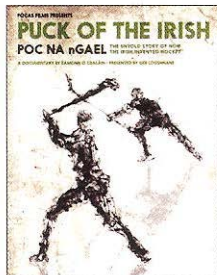
## March 4th Puck O The Irish 3:30pm

### Puck O The Irish

U.S. premier of how the Irish influenced Ice Hockey.

An exciting documentary on how hurling played a role in developing the game of Ice Hockey 200 years ago in Canada. NHL players to attend the screening.

Producer Samuel Kingston to attend. Q&A after the screening.



### I Am Traveller 5pm

NY Premier of I Am Traveller. Starring LOVE/HATE star John Connors. Directed by Kim Bartley. John & Kim will attend and introduce the film. I Am Traveller is truly the first non propaganda documentary piece on Travellers, it had a profound impact on the Irish public and started a national conversation about Irelands last acceptable form of racism for the very first time. \$10 admission.



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## Saturday March 5th Closing Night Gala

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### March 4 66 DAYS (The Bobby Sands Story) 7:30PM



Craic Fest closing night gala w/ a special screening of award winning documentary 66 DAYS! A film about the hunger strike of Bobby Sands for 66 days in Northern Ireland in 1981. Directed by Brenda Byrne.

Q&A after the screening.  
\$20 includes pre reception 6-730pm with  
Stella Artois, Clontarf Irish Whiskey.

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## Craic Music Fest March 11 - Doors 8pm

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Special Music guest:

Pat McGuire Samsonite Gypsies

Mick Hargan & Natalie Clark

\$20 in advance. \$25 day of show.

tickets at [www.thecraicfest.com](http://www.thecraicfest.com)



Pat McGuire  
Samsonite Gypsies



Mick Hargan



Natalie Clark

**Craic Music Festival@ Mercury Lounge is 218 Houston St NYC**



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