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Last week at the Irish Consulate there was a reception celebrating Irish art and fashion. There were over 150 in attendance including actresses Angela Bassett and Melyssa Ford. H.E. Anne Anderson Ambassador of Ireland to the United Nations also joined in the festivities with Consul General Noel Kilkenny and Mrs Hanora O'Dea Kilkenny. Renowned Irish artist Roisin Fitzpatrick celebrated the final days of her art exhibition at the Consulate General of Ireland by collaborating with fashion designer Don O'Neill of Theia for the glamorous holiday showing (higginsphotonyc)



Consul General Noel Kilkenny, Roisin Fitzpatrick, Don O'Neill and Hanora O'Dea Kilkenny



Artist Roisin Fitzpatrick with Ireland's UN Ambassador Ann Anderson



Attracta Lyndon, Roisin Fitzpatrick and Tara O'Grady



Designer Don O'Neill with Ireland's UN Ambassador Ann Anderson



Don's parents and actress Angela Bassett who wore one of Don's creations to the event



Artist Roisin Fitzpatrick with actress Angela Bassett



Aine Sheridan, Mary Beth Glaccum



Fashion designer Don O'Neill with models wearing his new bridal collection



Don O'Neill and Roisin Fitzpatrick with Margaret Molloy



Margaret Molloy, Ailbhe Mullen, Roisin Fitzpatrick and Ailish Finnerty

Out & About

Let me tell you: **Noelle Clancy and Deirdre O'Hea** must be the best window artists that I have ever seen in New York.

They deserve a lot of recognition for the hard work that they both do, especially on all the major holidays, when they earn their living painting the windows of Irish bars and restaurants all across the tri-State area.

I have to admire them as they make it look so easy and, guess what, they're always happy at what they are doing... maybe the it's the aroma of alcohol aroma in the establishments, I wonder?

Keep up the good work girls!

Now last week I did mention a very nice lady - another artist of a different kind - whose name is **Roisin Fitzpatrick**; no, no relation to the famous hotelier John Fitzpatrick, though her art is hanging in the foyer of **Fitzpatrick's Hotel on Lexington Avenue** (at 57th Street) and that's a picture of her on this as I could not include it in last week's column.

She has an exhibition at the **Irish Consulate** on Park Avenue for the next few weeks and take my advice and make an appointment to see it as it will blow your mind as to how good she is.

My friend **Dermot Kelly** has sent me this to all his Irish American Friends especially "**The Delegation**" - please come out and support our good friend **Tom Dwyer** on October 23rd!

Bring your friends and family to what promises to be a great afternoon of fine food, fun and great entertainment!

Please let me know if you will be able to join us in honoring our good friend and fellow Irishman **Tom Dwyer** at (516) 312-1839 or bdpkelly@optonline.net.

Join us for an evening of Gourmet Food, Top Shelf

Wine and Cosmos in honor of **Thomas K. Dwyer** at **Mitch and Tonis** (875 Willis Avenue, Albertson) on Sunday October 23 from 4pm to 7pm.

Tickets are \$75.00 per person, \$150.00 for a couple, \$250.00 for a Flower Sponsor, \$500.00 for a Wine Sponsor and \$500.00 to be a Cosmo Sponsor.

Well I have to tell that **Tom** is also a good friend and he running for the council in Long Island, good on yea **Tom**.

I am giving this a good plug even though we were not invited... maybe **Pauline** lost my number... Anyhow this is what happened, **Liam Neeson** and **Gabriel Byrne** presented the **Spirit of Ireland** award to **Bill Whelan** at **12th Annual Irish Arts Center Gala** in New York last Friday.

Grammy award-winner and Riverdance composer **Bill Whelan** and philanthropist **Dolores McCall** were the night's guests of honor at the **New York Athletic Club**.

Patrons and Irish Arts Center Honorary Board Chairs **Liam Neeson** and **Gabriel Byrne** presented the awards.

The evening raised \$500,000 to support programming in performance, exhibition and education at the Center.

The Irish Arts Center is New York's premiere venue for Irish arts and culture, and every year celebrates the contributions made to the Irish and Irish American cultural community by leaders from the artistic and business worlds.

The emerald-studded evening was attended by over 350 supporters of Irish arts, including **New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn**, granddaughter of **Charlie Chaplin**, actress **Famke Janssen** and actor **Tom Cavanagh**.

Last year, the Center hon-

ored **Ralph Fiennes** with special guest **Jimmy Fallon**, and in 2009, honored philanthropist **Maureen White** and Congressman **Joseph Crowley**, with a special tribute to **Muhammad Ali**.

It was held at the **New York Athletic Club** (180 Central Park South).

Later in October, **Bill Whelan** returns to the Irish Arts Center as the composer at the piano for **An Evening With Bill Whelan** along with world-renowned fiddler **Athena Tergis**, an orchestra and special guests including singer **Morgan Crowley** and Irish dancer **Mick Donegan**, for four performances only, Saturday, October 29 through Tuesday, November 1, nightly 7:30pm.

The Irish Arts Center is located at 553 West 51 Street.

Tickets are on sale now via irishartscenter.org or by calling (866) 811-4111.

The concerts are presented as part of **Imagine Ireland, Culture Ireland's** year of Irish arts in America.

The Irish Arts Center,

founded in 1972, is a New York-based arts and cultural center dedicated to projecting a dynamic image of Ireland and Irish America for the 21st century, building community with artists and audiences of all backgrounds, and preserving the evolving stories and traditions of Irish culture for generations to come.

Their multi-disciplinary programming is centered around three core areas: Performance - including live music, dance, theatre, film, literature, and the humanities; Exhibition - including visual arts presentations and cultural exhibitions that tell the evolving Irish story; and Education - with dozens of classes per week in Irish language, history, music, and dance.

Located in New York City, a world capital of arts and culture, Irish Arts Center serves as a dynamic platform for top emerging and established artists and cultural creators to reach a New York, national, and global

audience, and as a gateway for other institutions to access first-rate Irish and Irish American culture.

Larry Kirwan, yes the same **Larry Kirwan** of **Black 47** is having a reading of the new play, **Rebel in the Soul**, at the **Irish Rep** on Friday October 21 at 3pm.

I have to hand it to **Larry** he never stops... not bad for a **Wexford** man, huh?

Check their website at irishrep.org for more details or call (212) 727-2737 to RSVP.

The **October IBO Business Networking Breakfast** will be held on Tuesday, October 18 at 8am in the **Fitzpatrick Manhattan Hotel** (687 Lexington Avenue between 56th and 57th Streets).

You can RSVP for this event to The Irish Business Organization of New York, Inc. FDR Station, P.O. Box 6425, New York, NY 10150-1901, telegrone (212) 750-8118 or e-mail irishbusinessorganization@gmail.com.

See you all next week... ☺



Roisin with composer Bill Whelan and Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith

Out & About

I hope you all enjoyed my Out & About last week, as I did promise not to miss it again... he, he, he; no, on a serious note I will not.

I am still getting over the 1st Irish Awards Event held at Pappillon Bistro and Restaurant and which was just brilliant!

I was in good company with the owners after the event Tommy Burke and Frank McCole for a few pints, so you can imagine it was a long one.

These boys are opening another restaurant in Times Square that I have heard will blow your mind; leave it to the Irish again, they know how to do it.

There's lots happening and this week we'll kick things off with UCD, who are having their annual dinner this Wednesday at the Metropolitan Club on 60th Street which promises to be spectacular. Again, Orla O'Malley is the organizer of the event and yes I will be at it.

Coming up at The Irish Repertory Theatre they're presenting The 20th Anniversary Production of Dancing at Lughnasa by Brian Friel and directed by Charlotte Moore with a huge all-star cast including Orladh Cassidy, Kevin Collins, Michael Countryman, Annabel Hagg, Jo Kinsella, Aedin Moloney, Claran O'Reilly and Rachel Pichup... now how about that.

It'll be playing between October 20 and December 11 and tickets are \$65 and \$55.

An exhibition of artworks by Roisin Fitzpatrick - Artist of the Light, has opened at the Consulate General of Ireland, New York. The exhibition runs until November 16 and is held in collaboration with The Irish American Heritage Museum.

This exhibition will provide a contemporary interpretation of all aspects of light, from the illumination of Newgrange at the winter solstice to various aspects of light in nature including the Whirlpool

galaxy, water crystals and fractal designs.

Each piece of art expresses beautiful, intricate patterns with simple elegance using natural silks and fine crystals to create entirely unique art forms.

Following a career at the United Nations, European Commission and European Bank, Roisin experienced a near death, life-changing event from a brain aneurysm which ultimately inspired the creation of the Artist of the Light contemporary artwork collection.

Evoking an inexplicable sense of serenity and peace, Roisin's primary intention through this art is to introduce and share the bliss and beauty of the light and create a greater sense of well-being in both residential and corporate environments.

The annual diversity visa lottery registration and application period will open again on October 4th for those who are eligible and interested in applying for a green card and permanent residence in the United States.

For the ninth year, applications will only be accepted online via the US Department of State official website at www.dvlottery.state.gov.

In recent years there has been an increase in online scams and false promises of green cards for a fee and expediting service. The Emerald Isle Immigration Center's Immigration Attorney and Director of Immigration Legal Services, John Stahl, Esq., urged those interested in applying, "There is no fee to apply and there is only one official website to register."

He continued to advise individuals to ignore any email offers to help complete or expedite the application process. If it sounds too good to be true it probably is.

The immigration legal services staff at the Center is once again appealing to potential applicants to apply early this year.

Immigration legal services

staff have helped many apply who are currently in the United States on the visa waiver program or on a temporary work visa and are still in status.

"The green card lottery is an yearly opportunity for qualified applicants who are legally in the United States or overseas to attain permanent resident status here with no strings attached", according to Mr Stahl.

The staff at the center caution, however, that the official DV Lottery website can get frozen the closer the deadline of noon on Saturday, November 5 approaches.

Regretfully, they will be unable to accommodate last minute walk-ins during the final week of the DV Lottery registration period.

Please call either of their offices if you need assistance with your application.

Alternatively, please note the dates of their upcoming public meetings listed in their ad on page 4 of this newspaper.

"It is worth the effort, if you really do want a long term option to stay legally in America," stated Siobhan Dennehy, EIIC's Executive Director. "I equate the odds to playing the New York State Lottery as there are over 14 million applications from all over the world annually."

"Although you apply for the green card in 2011, you will not be notified about your application until 2012 and you won't actually receive the green card itself until 2013, that's why the call it the 2013 DV Lottery which can be confusing."

Applicants will be selected at random by computer from among all qualified entries.

All applicants will be required to go back to the website to find out whether their entry has been selected in the DV-2013 lottery or to find out they have not been selected.

Selectees will only be notified of their selection through the "entry status check" available starting May 1, 2012 at the website

www.dvlottery.state.gov.

The online entry status check will be the only means by which selectees will be notified of their selection for DV-2013.

The Kentucky Consular Center will not be mailing out notification letters.

Those selected in the random drawing are not notified of their selection by e-mail.

Those individuals not selected will be notified of their non-selection through the web-based "entry status check."

No fee is charged to enter the annual DV program.

The U.S. Government employs no outside consultants or private services to operate the DV program.

Any intermediaries or others who offer assistance to prepare submissions for applicants do so without the authority or consent of the U.S. Government.

Use of any outside intermediary or assistance to prepare a DV entry is entirely at the applicant's discretion.

A qualified entry submitted electronically directly by an applicant has an equal chance of being selected by the computer at the Kentucky Consular Center as does an entry submitted electronically through a paid intermediary who completes the entry for the applicant.

The current immigration laws carry heavy penalties for visa overstays.

Those who have overstayed their visa by 6 months, face a 3 year bar upon their departure from the United States, if they have overstayed for one year or more, they are subject to a 10 year bar.

Successful lottery applicants who are undocumented in the US must be processed for a visa at a US Consulate abroad under existing immigration laws.

Departing the US will trigger the 3 or 10 year bars making them ineligible for a visa.

Undocumented lottery winners with a relative petition or an employer labor certifica-

tion pending before April 30, 2001, may be eligible to be interviewed in the United States under Section 245(i), provided they have not triggered the 3/10 year bars by leaving the US.

Inquiries may be made to the EIIC at their Woodside, Queens's office at (718) 478-5502 or at their Woodlawn, Bronx office at (718) 324-3039 or on the EIIC website www.eiic.org.

Both centers along with the Aisling Irish Community Center on McLean Avenue (914) 237-5121 in Yonkers are currently scheduling DV applications.

I had to give you this information as it should help a lot of our undocumented!

The official announcement of the Grand Marshal for New York City's St Patrick's Day Parade has become an event not to be missed in the social calendar of Irish America.

With in excess of three hundred invited guests expected to attend the announcement on Monday October 17 at the Irish Consulate, the announcement is billed as one of the largest press announcements for any event in New York City.

"Every year there is much speculation concerning the identity of who will have the honor of being selected to be the Grand Marshal for the next New York City St Patrick's Day Parade. All we can say is, one will have to wait for the official announcement to truly know who it is," said John Dunleavy Parade Chairman.

"The individual we have selected comes from the world of media," Dunleavy said. "He is nationally recognized for his business sense and embodies many facets of the Irish spirit, most noticeably the ability to work hard and reach one of the highest positions in his field. He has demonstrated incredible resolve through out his life and is a great friend of the Irish community, the church and the Parade for the past twenty years."

See you all next week.. ☺

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Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith, Bill Whelan, Mary Pat Kelly (author of Galway Bay) and Don O'Neill (acclaimed Irish fashion designer and creative director of Theia), attended the opening ceremony of the art exhibition of Roisin Fitzpatrick Artist of the Light®, at the Irish Consulate last week. The exhibition was officially opened by Loretta Brennan Glucksman (higginsphotony.com)



Jeff Cleary (Irish American Heritage Museum), Hanora Kilkenny O'Dea, artist Roisin Fitzpatrick and Noel Kilkenny, Consul General of Ireland



Artist Roisin Fitzpatrick with Ronan Downes



Martin Dunne, Roisin Fitzpatrick and Maura Kelly



Loretta Brennan Glucksman who opened the exhibition



Loretta Brennan Glucksman with Roisin Fitzpatrick and Jeff Cleary (Irish American Heritage Museum)



Ann Murtagh of the Fitzpatrick Hotel and artist Roisin Fitzpatrick



Artist Roisin Fitzpatrick with Bill Whelan, composer of Riverdance and Jean Kennedy Smith, former ambassador to Ireland



Don O'Neill with Catherine and John Condon



Mary Deady, George Helsin, Roisin Fitzpatrick and Mary Pat Kelly



Roisin Fitzpatrick with Caroline Duggan of Celtic Dreams



Brian Andersson, Roisin Fitzpatrick, Monica Horgan and Jeff Cleary



Marie Reilly, Peter Ryan and Anne Condrone all with the Irish Consulate

Out & About



advertisers, distributors, newsstand owners and friends a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Thank you all for your confidence and support; it is well appreciated and not forgotten.

I know it has been a tough year for almost everyone and as I've said many times let's all just stick together and we will get there.

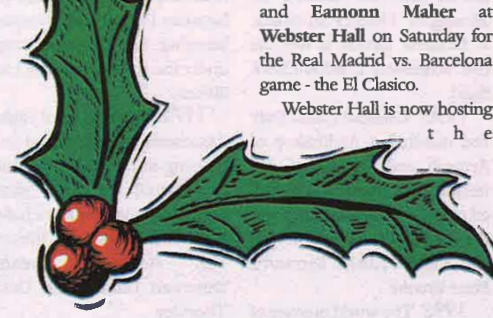
Yes, the economy all over the world is in turmoil, but it can only get better; I should know because back in the 80s when I emigrated here to America Ireland was on a downward slope, but it came back as you could see with the Celtic Tiger which is now like a pussy cat...

Oh boy, I'm sure that I will hear about that...

Anyhow no matter how serious it's been, the economy will come back bigger and better than ever rest assured.

You heard it here first!

I love that.



What about those Jets and Giants? If they can win the economy can too, right?

I was invited to the Jets game last Sunday. Unfortunately I could not make as I was putting up the Christmas decorations on my house as I am sure it's the same for everybody (though it is a lot of work).

Well it's party time and what can I say? Only that I love Christmas and I celebrate it... You bet I will as it's great to see a lot of friends and I am going to do my best to call in to as many of the bars and restaurants that I possible can, especially all of those who have supported us down through the years (well somebody has to do it so I volunteered no matter how much work it is... good on yea boy.

Now what else is happening? Oh the **Padded Wagon** is having their Annual Christmas party at **Kennedy's** on 57th Street next week and, yes, I am invited yipee!

I am sure the hosts **Mike Glynn** and **Paul Hurley** will be on hand to welcome them.

James O'Malley has said to join him on Wednesday December 14th at 7pm for the **Munster Rugby Supporters** night out at **South's Bar** (273 Church Street between White and Franklin Streets; www.southsnyc.com) and all are invited.

I had the pleasure of meeting **Des O'Brien**, **Pat Burke** and **Eamonn Maher** at **Webster Hall** on Saturday for the Real Madrid vs. Barcelona game - the El Clasico.

Webster Hall is now hosting

Nevada Smiths' Away Days - all the football that you've come to expect from that iconic sporting venue!

The old home of Nevada Smiths is now closed as they are knocking down the building.

Now that's the bad news, the good news is they will be opening a new much bigger Nevada Smiths one block north by February 2012 and the new place will feature a restaurant and will have lots more room for the standard fare of football!

It's almost time for **Niall O'Leary's** last official IBO event as IBO President, and what a great job he has done!

He will be missed as he was a very good President.



These are his last events and all are invited: (1) **The IBO December Breakfast Networking Event** to be held on Tuesday, December 13th, at **Agave** (140 Seventh Avenue South) at 8am; and (2) **The IBO January Evening Networking Event**, on Wednesday, January 11th, at **Glucksman Ireland House** (One Washington Mews) from 6.30pm.

I just heard from **Roisin Fitzpatrick** that she has some great news: she has been invited to exhibit at a very prestigious gallery in Georgetown in Washington, so there are three more exhibitions lined up for over the next few months - unbelievable!

Boy is she so lucky, and she thanked me for all the PR that has made all the difference; it's nice to hear that, thanks **Roisin**.

Well, well, it was great to



hear from my great old friend **Joe Murphy**; yes, my mentor who taught me a lot about the media business and was also the first man to help me find a job here in the United States in 1982 and I thank him for that.

When you read this he is organizing a **Cork Party** at 3pm in the **Grandstand Bar and Restaurant** on Grand Avenue in **Elmhurst, Queens** - now that should be good.

I was told of a few lads who are turning up, including **Donnie Carroll**, **Eddie O'Brien** and of course the man himself **John Browne**.

I am sure quite a lot more will also be in attendance; ah I love it.

Want to help support **The Irish Rep** throughout the year? Do your online shopping through **iGive.com**, and a portion of your purchases will be donated to **The Irish Rep** at no additional cost to you!

Dancing at Lughnasa is so successful it is extended to January 15 at **The Irish Repertory Theatre** (132 West 22nd Street, between 6th and 7th Aves; www.irishrep.org or (212) 727-2737).

We will be closed for the Christmas holidays and the New Year and be back on January the 3rd, 2012 with a brand new format that I hope you will like.

Tell all your friends that this is the paper to buy for all your Irish news and information from here in the U.S. and across the pond as we strive to bring you the best of art, sports, news and all your local gossip.

Well another year down and I just lost another great friend

of mine in Cork. His name was **Brian Long** and what a bass player he was. He played with me in my band back in the late 60s; may he rest in peace.

I'm sure **Santa Claus** will be arriving to a lot of boys and girls and I am sure **Noelle Clancy** will get what she been wishing for... now I wonder what it was?

I just got news that **Mary Power**, yes that's her, the past president of the **Cork Association**, is a grandmother.

Is she too young to be a grandmother? I don't know but congratulations anyway.

I bumped in to **Karl O'Connor** in **O'Casey's** on 41st Street and he was in good Christmas form.

I see that **Black 47** will be playing in **Connolly's** on New Year's Eve, so if you would like to hear good Celtic Rock then that is the place to be.

Again thanks to everyone and please have a great Christmas holiday and if you're around town maybe we will have a cocktail or two.



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Roisin Fitzpatrick - Artist of the Light - Exhibits In NYC

Roisin Fitzpatrick - Artist of the Light has launched a solo exhibition at the Ward-Nasse Gallery (178 Prince Street in Soho), for the entire month of May.

The exhibition was officially opened by Mr Niall Burgess, Irish Consul General of New York, from last Saturday.

Roisin Fitzpatrick, contemporary Irish artist, was born in Dublin, Ireland in 1969.

Roisin has created a new and innovative art form.

Her art recreates and shares the beauty she discovered during a near death experience.

Her style is a fusion of light, crystal and silk, with light being the true medium of her art. Roisin's art is inspiring and uplifting, particularly during these challenging times.

New York Times bestselling author Marianne Williamson writes "Roisin Fitzpatrick's art has blessed my life, reminding me always of the light inherent in everything."

Dr Christine Ranck who wrote "Ignite the Genius Within" has written "Artists often say they work with light, but Roisin Fitzpatrick does it - literally. She seems to have created a new art form. With thousands of Swarovski crystals in cosmically spiraling designs on pure white silk, highlighted by shifting colored light-beams, she re-creates the light of the universe in her stunningly original vision.

"Viewing her work is indeed an experience. You cannot just passively look-because it seems to literally pull you in with its energy and demand that you respond.

"By capturing the magnitude and power of the universe, she brilliantly makes the link between that which is infinite both inside and outside."

After the phenomenal response from the public at the New York Art Expo, Roisin's solo exhibition in New York City will run for the entire month of May.



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About Roisin Fitzpatrick

Roisin Fitzpatrick - Artist of the Light, contemporary Irish artist, was born in Dublin, Ireland in 1969. Roisin Fitzpatrick's art recreates and shares the beauty she discovered during a near death experience. Light is the essential element of her art. Roisin skillfully combines light with crystal and silk to create her unique style of art.

Previously, Roisin studied in Trinity College Dublin and Universities in Switzerland, Belgium and Italy. She then worked for the United Nations,



Portrait of Roisin Fitzpatrick

European Commission and European Bank. Her work focused on development programs and she traveled all over Europe, the US, Japan and Mexico. Roisin further followed a path that reached into

homeopathy. She studied, qualified and practiced as a homeopath in Ireland. Her intention was always to improve the quality of life for others.

Roisin's experiences led her to believe that deeper change must start within the individual before real progress can be made at any other level. Her art is based on her personal experiences and is also inspired by sources including nature, water crystals, astronomy, cosmology, ancient cultural mythologies, pre Celtic and Celtic heritage.

Over 400 of Roisin Fitzpatrick's designs have qualified for EU design registration and US copyright registration. Each piece of art is signed with her trademark.

Roisin Fitzpatrick's art installations have achieved acclaim and have been purchased by both private and corporate clients. Roisin has a permanent exhibition in her home on the seafront in Bray, with viewings by appointment.

Upcoming art fairs for Roisin Fitzpatrick - Artist of the Light include the following:

- 1-31 May 2009 - Solo exhibition Ward Nasse Gallery, Soho, NYC
- 24-27 Sept 2009 - 100% Design, Fark Court, London
- 13-15 Nov 2009 - Art Ireland, Royal Dublin Society, Dublin



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