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Irish BOSTON

Celebrating the Hub's Celtic heritage
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Looking to celebrate your Celtic heritage this month? Here's some key events that will have Irish (and non-Irish) eyes smiling.

FOOD: Hoping to prove once and for all that Irish cuisine isn't limited to corned beef and cabbage, acclaimed Boston chefs Rachel Klein and Barbara Lynch (pictured top right) join forces with Galway standout Chef Gerard Reidy for a four-course **Gaelic Gourmet Celebration** at Aura Restaurant in the Seaport Hotel on March 14. Tickets are \$125–500; call 617-385-5662 for information.

FUN: Since 1901, the traditionally Irish neighborhood of South Boston has been the epicenter of St. Patrick's Day celebration in Boston, most notably demonstrated by the famous **South Boston St. Patrick's Day Parade** (pictured middle right). Each year,

more than 600,000 Bostonians and visitors pack the streets of "Southie" to experience this procession featuring colorful floats and marching and bagpipe bands from America and the Emerald Isle. The 108th annual parade kicks off at 1 p.m. on March 15 from the Broadway MBTA station on the Red Line. Refer to listing, page 24.

MUSIC: Lovers of Celtic music of all kinds are spoiled for choice this month, as Boston hosts shows by big names like **The Chieftains** (March 13 at Symphony Hall, pictured bottom right), **Celtic Woman** (March 20–22 at the Wang Theatre) and the annual **St. Patrick's Day Celtic Sojourn with Brian**

O'Donovan (March 14 at Berklee Performance Center). And Boston's House of Blues might as well call itself the "House of Greens," as it welcomes **Flogging Molly** (March 10), a six-night residency by Boston's own **Dropkick Murphys** (March 12–17) and **The Pogues** (March 20 & 21). Refer to listings, page 22.

