

# CROSSROADS

## IRISH-AMERICAN FESTIVAL

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*The Irish Herald*

**MARCH 8–16, 2008** • *This year*, during the week leading up to the annual St. Patrick's Day celebration, the Crossroads Irish-American Festival expands the traditional notions of 'history' by emphasizing the life stories of families, neighborhoods, and communities — your grandmother, grandfather, uncles, aunts, parents, and yourself — who compose the 'black matter' of history; the often untold lives of the day-to-day figures who construct the paths we live and the families into which we are born.

*This is a partial schedule. For more details on the developing schedule of events, visit [WWW.IRISHAMERICANCROSSROADS.ORG](http://WWW.IRISHAMERICANCROSSROADS.ORG)*

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2008**

#### **Opening Day**

#### **Children's Hour**

**11:30 AM–12:30 PM**

*Fisher Children's Center*

Featuring **Murphy Irish Dancers** and traditional Irish music — jigs, reels and other fun stuff!

**1:15–2PM**

*Koret Auditorium*

#### **Irish Musical Performance**

Check our website for more details

**2:00 PM–4:00 PM**

#### **Personal Histories as the 'Untold History'**

*Special thanks for support from the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library*

Including, **Daniel Tobin**, poet, author, and editor of newly released, *The Book of Irish American Poetry: From the Eighteenth Century to the Present*. Other guests to be announced, check our website for more details.

**LOCATION:** Koret Auditorium and Fisher Children's Center, Main Public Library, 100 Larkin Street @ Grove, San Francisco

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2008**

#### **Poetry Night**

**Daniel Tobin**, poet. *The Narrows, Where the World is Made*, and *Double Life*. Also, editor of *The Book of Irish American Poetry: From the Eighteenth Century to the Present*.

**Lynn Trombetta**, poet, *Falling World*.

**LOCATION:** Books Inc., 601 Van Ness Avenue @ Opera Plaza, San Francisco **TIME:** 7:00 pm

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2008**

#### **"Emigrants at Play by the Bay: The Gaelic Athletic Association and the Irish-American Experience"**

*Co-Sponsored by the Irish Cultural Center of California and the United Irish Cultural Center*

presented by **Liam Reidy**, San Francisco GAA

**LOCATION:** United Irish Cultural Center, St. Francis Room, 2700 45th Avenue (at Sloat Boulevard) San Francisco **TIME:** 7:30 pm

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2008**

#### **Irish Slang's Got Snazz (Snas)**

*A Reading and Musical Performance by Dan Cassidy*

**Daniel Cassidy**, winner of the 2007 American Book Award for, *How the Irish Invented Slang: The Secret Language of the Crossroads*. Cassidy has discovered the hidden Irish language that inhabits the every-day-speak of the American vernacular. Words like "jazz", "poker", "slum", "holy moly", and "dude" are just a few of the *thousands* of words that are revealed in this book and in Cassidy's ingenious, musical and theatrical presentation about how we've all been speaking Irish our whole lives but never knew it.

**LOCATION:** Bookshop West Portal, 80 West Portal Avenue (@ Vicente), San Francisco **TIME:** 7pm

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2008**

#### **An Evening With Peter Rowan: *Singing Through The Walls of Time***

**LOCATION:** The Plough & Stars, 116 Clement Street (@ 2nd Avenue), San Francisco **TIME:** 9pm

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2008**

#### **The Noe Valley Irish: Reflections on the history of Noe Valley's Irish Community in San Francisco**

**LOCATION & TIME:** Check our website for details.

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2008**

#### **Come to the Hooley!**

Bring your own stories, songs, and tunes and join us for a traditionally inspired celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

**LOCATION:** Check our website for details

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2008**

#### **Beyond Our Green Eyes: Making Meaning of an Irish-American Heritage**

A workshop about cultural inheritance.

**TIME:** 10am-1pm

**LOCATION:** Check our website for details

The Crossroads Irish-American Festival is a Member of the Intersection Incubator, a program of Intersection for the Arts providing fiscal sponsorship, networking and consulting for artists. Visit [www.theintersection.org](http://www.theintersection.org).



*All events are FREE to the public unless otherwise indicated.* For more information, please call 415/571-8948 or visit [www.irishamericancrossroads.org](http://www.irishamericancrossroads.org)