**Breaking Trad Concert**

**When:**
Thursday, February 22, 2024 | 7 p.m.

**Where:**
UST Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon, Houston, TX 77006

**Admission:**
Free and open to the public

Breaking Trad is a band comprised of the following musicians:

- **Donal Murphy** (Accordion), from Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick, a winner of numerous All-Ireland titles on both Button Accordion and Melodeon
- **David Doocey** (Fiddle) from Foxford, Co. Mayo, a winner of multiple awards including the All-Ireland Senior Fiddle competition and the coveted Fiddler of Oriel trophy and
- **Mike Galvin** (Guitar/Vocals) who has vast experience working in a wide range of musical styles from Rock and Roll to Irish Traditional Music

Attendance is on a first-come, first-served basis. Cullen Hall holds 165 people.
Friday, March 15, 2024 | Annual St. Patrick’s Day Mass

When:
March 15, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.

Where:
UST’s Chapel of St. Basil,
1018 W. Alabama St. at Yoakum Blvd.
Houston, TX 77006

Fr. Eduardo Rivera, our UST chaplain, will celebrate our annual St. Patrick’s Day Mass. Come join us for Mass and, following Mass, share in our complimentary Brunch!

Friday, March 15, 2024 | Annual St. Patrick’s Day Brunch

When:
March 15, 2024 | 11:30 a.m. or 12 p.m.
(following Mass)

Admission:
Free and open to the public

Where:
UST’s Scanlan Room,
Jerabek Activity and Athletic Center,
4000 Mt. Vernon St. (street to the west of the building is Graustark St. near Branard St.)

RSVP Required:
Please RSVP by March 4, 2024 to 713-525-3592 or patrick.mccarty@stthom.edu. Please spell your name and state the number in your party. Please leave a return telephone number and email address.

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 | Cultural Forum-History and Heritage of Ukraine

When:
March 20, 2024 | 7-9 p.m.

Admission:
Free and open to the public

Where:
UST’s Jones Hall,
3910 Yoakum Blvd.
Houston, TX 77006

Attendance will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Jones Hall holds 300 people.

Our Cultural Forum - History and Heritage program will include a talk by Dr. Adam Rabinowitz, Associate Professor and Assistant Director of the Institute of Classical Archaeology at the University of Texas at Austin entitled Ukraine: An Ancient Gateway to Europe.

This event also will include a panel discussion on Foreign Policy and Diplomacy moderated by Eric Botts, Director of the Center for International Studies and Global Cybersecurity Program, at the University of St. Thomas.

This event is co-sponsored by ArchaeologyNow (Archaeology Institute of America - Houston Society), the University of St. Thomas William J. Flynn Center for Irish Studies, the University of St. Thomas Center for International Studies, The Ukrainian American Cultural Club of Houston and the Ukrainian Consul General of Houston.
Thursday, April 4, 2024 | Irish Poetry and Breaking News with Dr. Richard Rankin Russell

**When:**
April 4, 2024 | 7 p.m.

**Where:**
UST’s Cullen Hall,
4001 Mt. Vernon,
Houston, TX 77006

**Admission:**
Free and open to the public

Attendance is on a first come, first served basis. Cullen Hall holds 165 people.

Ireland’s greatest poets have always been keenly aware of their moment in history; however, their poetry typically resists the simplifications of the headlines. Instead, Dr. Richard Rankin Russell of Baylor University argues their art embraces a vocabulary and form that are both something more fleeting and more lasting than the news of the day.

Dr. Russell is Professor of English at Baylor University, where he teaches modern and contemporary British and Irish literature. He earned his Ph.D. and M.A. in English Literature from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He also holds an M. Phil. in English Literature (Modernism) from the University of Glasgow in Scotland.

Dr. Russell has published extensively on Irish and Northern Irish literature, including:

- *Seamus Heaney’s Regions* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2014)

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**Summer Abroad Study Program 2024**

Dr. Martin Lockerd, Chair of English and Associate Dean of Liberal Studies, will lead a group of students to Ireland in July 2024 to study “Yeats in Context” at the W.B. Yeats Summer School in Sligo, Ireland. Thanks to donors at the Center’s 2023 Irish Gala and others, the students will receive a scholarship that covers their expenses while in Ireland. The students will visit Dublin, Sligo, Galway and many sites in between! Thank you!
About Our Center

Our nationally and internationally renowned Flynn Center for Irish Studies is one of UST’s six Centers for Excellence and features academic, cultural outreach and study abroad programs. We provide our students with a broad array of interdisciplinary courses taught by UST faculty.

The Irish Studies program offers a minor in Irish Studies at the undergraduate level and a concentration in Irish Studies in the Master of Liberal Arts program at the graduate level. Most of our courses are open for the public to audit with the professor’s permission and space availability.

Our Center’s Mission

• To preserve Irish heritage and culture
• To promote peace and reconciliation around the world using the Northern Ireland model
• To serve as a premier Center for Irish and Irish American Studies in Texas and the Southwest offering outstanding educational opportunities to our students and the community

Scholarships Available

The Flynn Center for Irish Studies offers courses every fall and spring semester as well as some study abroad courses in summer.

The following scholarships are available:

• $750 upon completion of each Irish Studies course (with a grade of B or higher)
• $3,000 upon completion of the Irish Studies Minor (with a grade of B or higher in all Irish Studies courses)
• Study Abroad Scholarships
• Irish Language Immersion Scholarships
• Individual Donor Scholarships for students who take Irish Studies courses
Cultural Outreach Forum and Friends of the Center for Irish Studies

The Center gratefully acknowledges the contributions of its Cultural Outreach Forum members and Friends of the Center for Irish Studies. Without your gifts, we could not host these events to the UST community and the public for free.

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We invite you to become a 2024 Friend of the William J. Flynn Center for Irish Studies. Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, up to $10,000 in donations will be matched dollar-for-dollar. Please help us reach this achievable goal!

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Donations also may be made by check made payable to the University of St. Thomas. Please state the purpose of your gift on the memo line. Please mail the check to the following:

University Advancement
University of St. Thomas
3800 Montrose Blvd.
Houston, TX 77006

Thank you for your consideration!

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