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“The Irish Cultural and Learning Foundation celebrates their 20th Anniversary at this year’s Anam Cara Awards Gala”

PHOENIX, AZ - The Irish Cultural and Learning Foundation (ICLF), the founding organization of the Irish Cultural Center and McClelland Library, is coming up on their major charity event of the year, the **Anam Cara (Soul Friend) Emerald Anniversary Gala** to be held on Saturday, October 19, 2019, at the Irish Cultural Center and McClelland Library. This year’s Gala is a special, celebrating the 20th (Emerald) Anniversary of the ICLF. The Gala will include a great night of dinner, live music, and entertainment. Additionally, there will be a silent auction with lots of interesting and exciting items. The event is a critical fundraiser which supports the ICLF’s mission and goals.

Music and entertainment on the night will feature Patrick Mahoney who hails from the Emerald Isle’s Capital city Dublin, where he is a well-known performer and recording artist. Patrick has appeared on TV and Radio shows in the United States and Europe and has released 3 albums to date. Patrick is very much committed to the art of singing and brings a high energy of dancing to his shows. After entertaining in most corners of the globe including a regular show in Las Vegas, he is excited to bring a high-quality evening of entertainment to the Anam Cara (Soul Friend) Emerald Anniversary Gala.

Presented by the Shamrock Foods Company, The Anam Cara (Soul Friend) fundraiser honors those who demonstrate outstanding community service and support to the Irish community and Celtic culture. This year’s deserving Anam Cara Award recipients are Jan Murphy who has been an amazing volunteer and supporter of the Irish Cultural Center for many years and Tom Montgomery owner of the Kettle Black and Tim Finnigan’s Irish pubs in Phoenix and a wonderful supporter of all the cultural activities at the organization. Previous awardees include former US Senator John McCain, former CEO of Intel Craig Barrett, and former CEO of Shamrock Foods Norman McClelland.

The Anam Cara Awards Gala starts at 6 p.m. on October 19. Individual tickets are available for \$125 for ICLF members and \$150 for non-members. Sponsorship levels start at \$750. Attendees of the Anam Cara Emerald Anniversary Gala will include local Irish and Celtic community members and business leaders in the greater Phoenix area. Registration and sponsorship opportunities are available at:

<https://www.azirish.org/anam-cara/>

Valet parking is complimentary to all paid attendees. The Irish Cultural Center and McClelland Library are located at 1106 North Central Avenue in Downtown Phoenix.

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About the organization

The mission of the Irish Cultural and Learning Foundation is to preserve our Irish heritage and promote all Celtic cultures. The Irish Cultural Center and McClelland Library are divisions of the Irish Cultural and Learning Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, and are owned and maintained by the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department.

The Irish Cultural Center and McClelland Library provide educational and cultural programming for the community through classes, exhibits, and special events. These programs and events are attended by thousands of area residents and visitors each year. The Gala raises the necessary funds to help us continue our mission and further our cultural and educational offerings.