



Wheeling Heritage's 25th Annual Celtic Celebration is Going Virtual

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WHEELING, W.Va. – Feb. 23, 2020 – The 25th annual Wheeling Celtic Celebration will take place virtually on Saturday, March 6, with online programming from noon to 5: 30 p.m. This year's Celtic Celebration will feature Celtic entertainment, food, history, and more, all streaming from Wheeling Heritage's [Facebook page](#).

Noting the popularity of Celtic food during the annual festival, the organization has teamed up with River City Restaurant to offer Curbside Celtic Food Boxes. The boxes, which feature scotch eggs, corned beef sandwiches, colcannon and scones, can be ordered now until March 3. The boxes are \$20, and pick-up for the boxes is March 6 from noon to 3. Those who have ordered can simply pull up to the Artisan Center, 1400 Main Street, and the orders will be delivered to their car. To order, visit wheelingheritage.org/celtic-celebration.

"While we would love to celebrate the 25th Wheeling Celtic Celebration in person, this year's virtual event gives people from Wheeling and beyond the chance to engage with our programming in new ways," said Chris Villamagna, program manager at Wheeling Heritage. "It's going to be a fun, engaging event celebrating Wheeling's Celtic heritage and traditions."

There is no cost to attend, and all programs will be streamed from Wheeling Heritage's Facebook page (facebook.com/WheelingHeritage) at the top of every hour, beginning at noon.

Schedule of Events:

- **12 p.m.: Music Performance by The Celtic Lads.** Celtic Lads, Ben and Art, teamed up over 12 years ago to play classic Irish-American pub music on St. Patrick's Day. The duo has performed every year since to share their love of Irish music with the community.
- **1 p.m.: Cooking Demonstration with the Vagabond Chef.** Matt Welsch, owner of the Vagabond Kitchen, will lead a cooking demonstration for Paddy's Irish Stew.
- **2 p.m.: Music Performance by Gallowglass.** Wheeling's premier Celtic band will perform instrumental and vocal music from the Celtic nations.
- **3 p.m.: Children's Storytime.** The kids can tune in to listen to a Celtic tale read by Lee Ann Cleary, Children's Specialist at Ohio County Public Library.



- **4 p.m.: Irish Traditions Discussion.** Sean Duffy of the Ohio County Public Library will lead a discussion about Irish customs and traditions.
- **5 p.m.: Music Performance by the MacDonald Pipe Band of Pittsburgh.** Pittsburgh's oldest continually operating bagpipe band will close out the event with their traditional Scottish pipe band music.

To learn more about the event, visit wheelingheritage.org/celtic-celebration.

About Wheeling Heritage:

[Wheeling Heritage](http://wheelingheritage.org) is a catalyst for the revitalization of Wheeling. Through historic preservation, community development, and the arts, we help to tell Wheeling's story and shape its future. We seek to improve the quality of life in Wheeling by preserving and investing in our city, collaborating with others, and engaging the citizens of Wheeling in our work.