

MAINSHEET

An Irish Mist at 'Summer at the Steps' Benefit

The sixth annual benefit for the Museum of Newport Irish History Interpretive Center, "Summer at the Steps," was held June 27 at Ochre Court. In the spirit of the summertime music and dancing at the Forty Steps by the Irish of Newport in the late 1800s and early 1900s, traditional Irish music was performed by The Publicans. While the cool and misty "Irish" weather deterred guests from dancing outdoors on the terrace and the Forty Steps, lively dancing took place in the mansion's grand hall. Rarely seen vintage postcard images of the iconic Forty Steps projected on a flat screen and auctioned hotel stays in Kinsale were highlights of the evening.

Proceeds from the gathering, attended by 125 supporters, will benefit the museum's Interpretive Center, which tells the story of Irish immigrants in Newport County from the 1600s to the present, and celebrates the contributions to our community by the Irish and those of Irish descent.



This photo, reminiscent of the dancing at the Forty Steps by Newport's Irish in the late 1800s, was taken at Sleah Head, on Ireland's Dingle Peninsula.



Betsy Beebe, Karen Oakley, and Sandy Gallagher



David Arnold and Senator Teresa Paiva Weed



Peter Martin and Barbara Roy



Deanna Conheeny, Maeve Sheehan, and Donna McCarthy



Kelley Coen and Barbara Bessette



Josh Bainton and Kyla Sand

Save the Date

Night in Provence, July 9, Ochre Court, benefiting the Newport Hospital

The Nuit Blanche, July 10, Wyndham benefiting the Island Moving Co.

IYRS Summer Gala, July 11, benefiting the International Yacht Restoration School

"American Songbook: An Evening with Michael Feinstein," July 11, benefiting the Redwood Library

Beaux Arts Ball, July 18, benefiting the Newport Art Museum

Black Ships Festival Gala, July 18, Marble House benefitting the Japan America Society of RI

Fiesta Verde, July 25, Sweet Berry Farm, benefiting the Aquidneck Land Trust

Newport Antiques Show Gala Preview Party, July 25, St. George's School, benefiting the Newport Historical Society and the Boys & Girls Club of Newport

15th Anniversary Gala, July 30, Vernon Court, benefiting the National Museum of American Illustration

Rock the Mansion, Aug. 8, Ochre Court, benefiting Newport County Community Mental Health Center

10th Anniversary Bird Ball "Wings & Wheels," Aug. 15, benefiting the Norman Bird Sanctuary

Newport Yacht Rendezvous, Aug. 14, Newport Shipyard, benefiting the Boys & Girls Club of Newport

Literacy Blooms at a Novel Evening, Aug. 16, benefiting the Newport Public Library

Coaching Weekend Dinner Dance, Aug. 22, The Breakers, benefiting the Preservation Society of Newport

Rock the Docks, Aug. 30, Newport Shipyard, benefiting the Seamen's Church Institute

Redwood Garden Party, Aug. 30

Photos by Allan Millora



The Nuit Blanche
July 10



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Colleen Curran, Clemens Teufel and Erin Harrington

UPCOMING EVENTS

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