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The Consulate General of Ireland proudly presents the U.S. premiere of *The Irish in Latin America* at Miami International Airport. The exhibition celebrates the story of Irish men and women who contributed to the history of great Latin American nations. It arrives as Aer Lingus begins a Miami-Dublin direct route, and features one panel dedicated to a prominent local heritage connection and the new civic ties between Ireland and Miami-Dade County.

The Irish in Latin America

The US premiere of this stunning 25-panel exhibition has just opened at Miami International Airport

Message from the Consul General

A chairde,

After this newsletter's summer break, we are back to full speed.

Ireland's new Ambassador to the United States, Dan Mulhall, will travel to Miami next week to mark Aer Lingus's first ever scheduled service between Dublin and Miami, announce the new Honorary Consul of Ireland in Miami and open the U.S. premier of *The Irish in Latin America* exhibition.

The Consulate General is also joining forces with Aer Lingus to sponsor lectures by Irish academic Tim Fanning on Ireland's historic ties to Latin America at the Mexican Cultural Institute in Miami and Miami International Airport.

The Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar, has already tweeted his backing for the new route "...More good news on our increasing air connectivity..." He blazed a trail for our upgraded relationship with Miami during his visit as Minister for Transport and Tourism in March 2014.

Twitter users can follow next week's events on @DanMulhall and @IrelandAtlanta and they will also be profiled in our next newsletter.

I hope to meet you at some of our upcoming events in Miami and across the Southeast.

Shane Stephens

Irish Business and Culture Around the Southeast



CIC president Ken Lee and CG Stephens address the great turnout for Charlotte Irish Connection's inaugural Business Networking Event.

The Charlotte Chamber's Chuck McShane and John Young, Ireland's Honorary Consul for North Carolina, also contributed to the lively discussion.





Thanks to Mayor Buckhorn, Frank Billingsley & Hon Con Delahunty for welcoming our Senior Attaché Emma Burke Leardo to Tampa & Orlando.



Congrats to ATL's [Patrick Finley & Hollie Greenwood](#) on their 1st & 3rd place wins at [Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann](#) in Ennis, Co Clare, the main event in the traditional Irish music calendar.



The Irish community turned out in force for outstanding performances by Mary Black and The High Kings at the Atlanta City Winery.



Congratulations also to Dave Fitzgerald and John O'Neill on being named among Atlanta's most admired CEOs by the [Atlanta Business Chronicle](#). Global Irish Network Member Fitzgerald and O'Neill, Chair of Atlanta's Shamrock Society, have done us proud again.

Delighted to hear from president Nancy Logue Woods on a great calendar of [Hibernian Benevolent Society of Atlanta](#) events this year.



Irish News

We welcome the appointment of [Ireland's new Ambassador](#) to the United States, [Dan Mulhall](#).

Taoiseach Leo Varadkar announced Government plans to [double Ireland's global footprint](#) by 2025 so as to attract increased investment in Ireland, boost tourism and trade, build stronger links with our diaspora and increase cultural exchange.

The Taoiseach also held bilateral meetings with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in Ireland and on a [recent visit to Canada](#) where they discussed CETA, Brexit, NAFTA, and health services among other issues.

The Government has been working continually on Brexit issues this summer in support of the EU European Commission negotiators and through high level meetings, public engagements and studies.

We [welcomed](#) the publication of the UK's position paper on Northern Ireland and Ireland in the context of the Brexit negotiation process. The Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Simon Coveney TD, met with the UK [Chancellor of the Exchequer](#) and [Secretary of State for Northern Ireland](#) and also addressed the [Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce](#), underlining that the withdrawal agreement should provide continued EU support to the NI peace process and to the future development of the region.

The Tánaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation, Frances Fitzgerald Commissioned a major [study of global trade opportunities](#) to help Irish business expand abroad and face challenge of Brexit.

Ireland's economic recovery is continuing at a robust pace, with employment at its highest level since 2008, the cost of borrowing close to historic lows, and estimated real GDP growth of 4.3% for 2017.

The Government published its [National Risk Assessment 2017 – Overview of Strategic Risks](#) to ensure a broad-based and inclusive debate on the risks facing the country and to assist in ensuring appropriate prevention and mitigation measures are introduced as needed.

The Government has also announced plans to identify and develop solutions to barriers faced by [returning emigrants to Ireland](#).

The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Michael Ring TD, welcomed the inclusion of [the Wild Atlantic Way](#) on the Lonely Planet's list of the world's greatest drives, while also acknowledging significant work still to be done in order to fully realise the potential of the project.

The Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Denis Naughten designated the [All-Ireland Senior Ladies Gaelic Football and Camogie Final](#) as 'events of major importance to society', which will ensure that these events remain available on a Free-to-Air and live basis for Irish television viewers.

The Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Heather Humphreys TD, announced €625,000 in funding from [Culture Ireland](#), which will allow 117 Irish artists and arts organisations to present their work worldwide in 2017 and 2018. This funding will bring great Irish music, theatre and art to venues across the Southeast, including Atlanta, Nashville, Charleston and Miami-Dade County. The full list of projects can be seen [here](#).

Upcoming Events in the Southeast

Thanks to sponsorship from the Consulate General of Ireland and Aer Lingus, Tim Fanning will read from his "Paisanos", which traces the history of Irish emigration to Latin America, at 11am on September the 5th at the Mexican Cultural Institute in Miami, 1399 SW 1st Avenue, 3rd floor, Miami, FL 33130, and at 8pm on September the 6th at the city's [Books & Books](#).

The Greenville Gaels' 22nd [Return to the Green Irish Cultural Festival](#) will be held on Sunday, September 17 from 2:00-6:00pm, Fluor Field at the West End, 945 So. Main Street, Greenville, SC.

With support from Culture Ireland, Tommy Fleming will appear in concert on October 3rd at [City Winery Atlanta](#) [City Winery](#) and on October 6th at [City Winery Nashville](#).

College of Charleston is sponsoring Irish Film Week, October 11-13 with "The Field", "In the Name of the Father" and "The Wind that Shakes the Barley". [Free and open to the public](#).

Mark your calendar: IrishFest Atlanta 2017 is ON for Nov 3rd-4th at the Doubletree by Hilton Atlanta Perimeter Dunwoody. Watch here for details to be announced: <http://irishfestatlanta.org/>