

Good Dog Films, in association with the Consulate General of Ireland in Boston, and supported by Culture Ireland and the Department of Tourism, Culture and Sport are holding a lunchtime Famine Memorial and an evening panel discussion commemorating the Great Irish Famine and Choctaw Donation.



Lunchtime Famine Memorial

1.00pm, Tuesday, 25th May

Boston Famine Memorial, Washington Street & School St, Boston, MA 02108

Good Dog Films, in association with Consulate General of Ireland in Boston and the Flatley Foundation have also organised a short Famine Memorial at the Boston Famine Memorial from 1pm – 1.30pm on the 25th May. This will begin with Máirín Úí Chéide performing a traditional Irish (or Seanós) song. Gary Whitedeer, Mary Pat Kelly and Maureen Murphy will each briefly speak about the Irish Famine. This will then be followed by a minutes silence for past and present victims of famine.

Commemoration of the Great Irish Famine & Choctaw Donation

5.30pm, Tuesday, 25th May

Boston Library, 700 Boylston Street, Copley Square, Boston, MA 0211M

The event will begin with a screening of “The Great Irish Famine: Remember Skibbereen” (by Harvest Films) followed with a performance by Máirín Úí Chéide, the renowned seanós singer. An open panel discussion, led by Irish film producer Peter J. McCarthy of Good Dog Films, will include Gary White Deer, Choctaw Nation, Professor Maureen Murphy, Hofstra University and Mary Pat Kelly, author of ‘Galway Bay’.

The panel will discuss the history of the Irish Famine and the Choctaw “Trail of Tears” and the similarities between the plight of the people from both nations, the political reasoning between the dispossession of land, the donation by the Choctaw Nation to the Irish during the famine, how have they each coped as a nation, how the post-traumatic effects are still in existence and how the histories of both nations can be brought into the present day in a positive form that will help and aid other nations that are suffering from similar traumas.

Admission to both events is free.



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