



Muskegon Irish American Society

# NEWS

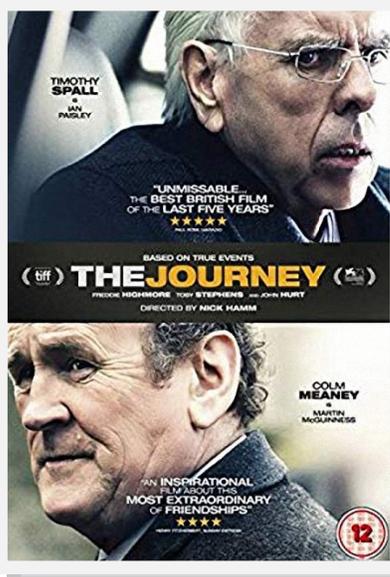


Fall 2018

## Private Screening of *The Journey*

Muskegon Museum of Art

Wednesday, November 7, 5:30 pm



In 2006, Northern Ireland's deadly Troubles had dragged on for forty years. Both the Catholic Republican and the Protestant Unionist sides are finally persuaded to seriously explore a peace agreement at the urging of Tony Blair, the British Prime Minister. Unfortunately, the principle negotiators, the elderly Democratic Unionist Party leader Ian Paisley and Sinn Fein - IRA politician Martin McGuinness, are decades-long mortal enemies, who have never spoken to one another. But with talks about to start in Scotland at St. Andrew's, Paisley is determined to return to Belfast for his 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. McGuinness insists that he must accompany his enemy to prevent him from being persuaded to abandon this chance for peace. The two bitter foes take a journey together in which they bridge the seemingly unbridgeable and change the course of history.

That is the story told in the movie "*The Journey*," which won the Best Actor award in Ireland's academy awards this last year. "*The Journey*" is

based upon the true story of how Ian Paisley and Martin McGuinness reconciled what seemed to be an utterly impossible, hopeless cycle of death and destruction, at great personal risk to themselves. The film is powerful, and the acting is compelling. Most of us do not really understand why the Irish factions killed one another so viciously for so long, and this film will educate us on who and what were behind the 40 years of The Troubles. Seeing this film is truly a journey for each of us, too.

**WHAT:** Private screening of the Irish film *The Journey*. Introduction by Bill Iddings

**WHERE:** Muskegon Museum of Art

**WHEN:** Wednesday, November 7, 5:30-6:30 pm Cash Bar & Snacks, 6:30 pm Welcome, 7:00 pm Movie

**COST:** Free, donations are always gratefully accepted. No reservation required.



# Michigan Irish American Hall of Fame Induction



2018 Inductees

**MICHIGAN IRISH AMERICAN HALL OF FAME**

**2018 INDUCTEES**

**BLACKTHORN**  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

**JOHN McMURRAY**  
PUBLIC SERVICE

**MARK MARTIN**  
SPORTS

**SHEILA DUNLEAVY MUND**  
EDUCATION

**M.L. MICKEY KNIGHT**  
PUBLIC SERVICE

**PATRICIA McCORMICK BAESE**  
EDUCATION

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Hon. Neil Mullally & M.L. Mickey Knight



Michael Patrick Sheils & John Murray



Hon. Neil Mullally & Mark Martin



Bill Lynch & Patricia McCormick Baese



Peggy Gray & Sheila Dunleavy Mund



Blackthorn



## About our 2018 Michigan Irish American Hall of Fame Inductees

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Nominated by Dee Carlson, **M.L. Mickey Knight** was inducted in the area of Public Service for his work as an educator, legislator, and lobbyist. For his exceptional broadcast career, **John McMurray** was inducted in the area of Public Service. John was nominated by Michael Patrick Shiels. Muskegon native **Mark Martin**, nominated by Hon. Neil Mullally, has been one of America's top professional sports fisherman and was inducted in the field of Sports. **Sheila Dunleavy Mund's** career spans more than 40 years dedicated to improving elementary and secondary education and supporting the Irish American community. Inducted in the field of Education, Sheila was nominated by Peggy Gray. In the category of Arts and Entertainment, the Hall of Fame inducted Michigan's legendary band **Blackthorn** for promoting traditional Irish music for more than 30 years! Mick Lane nominated the members of Blackthorn. **Patricia McCormick Baese** taught physical education and gymnastics in Montcalm County. Following retirement she led the Hubbardston Irish Dance Troupe for 15 years. Patricia was nominated by Bill Lynch, better known as Liam the Extra Large Leprechaun. She was inducted in the field of Education.

Congratulations to all of our inductees! Thank you for all your accomplishments and commitment to Michigan's Irish American community!

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## Call for Nominations

### Michigan Irish American Hall of Fame - Class of 2019

#### Criteria for Nomination:

1. Nominations will be accepted for individuals of Irish American Descent, living or deceased, with substantial ties to Michigan who have made contributions in areas such as Public Service, Philanthropy, Business and Industry, Arts and Entertainment, Religion, Education, and Sports.
2. Nominees must have a meaningful connection to the state of Michigan, be of verifiable Irish ancestry, be a citizen of the United States and have made a notable contribution in one of the aforementioned areas.
3. Nomination forms are available through the Muskegon Irish American Society or can be completed online at [www.michiganirishamericanhalloffame.org](http://www.michiganirishamericanhalloffame.org) Nominations must include name of nominee, category and brief description of reason for nomination/candidate worthiness.
4. A committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the Muskegon Irish American Society will screen nominations and recommend selections to the Board for final approval.

**Deadline for Nominations:** The completed nomination form and any supporting materials must be emailed or posted on or before APRIL 1, 2019. Nominations received after this date may be considered for the following year.

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#### In Remembrance ~

On September 5th, we lost long time member **William "Bill" Crimmins**. Bill's career included Brunswick, where he was instrumental in their development of the automatic bowling scoring device. In 2013 the Muskegon Irish American Society named Bill as *Irish Person of the Year*. He loved to share his life experiences, including reminding us that he was a thoroughbred Irishman and kissing that Blarney Stone! He will be missed by family and friends!

**Gail McDowell Funk** passed away on September 19th. Gail and husband Edward were long time members, supporting the society and the Muskegon County Catholic Education Foundation. She leave behind to cherish her memory 3 children, one son-in-law, 15 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and a host of family and friends.



# Highlights from the Summer Barbeque



## Upcoming Events

Watch your mail for raffle tickets and instructions!

In January 2019 you can look forward to the Annual Pub Party at Hennessy's Irish Pub. We hope to see you there!

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