



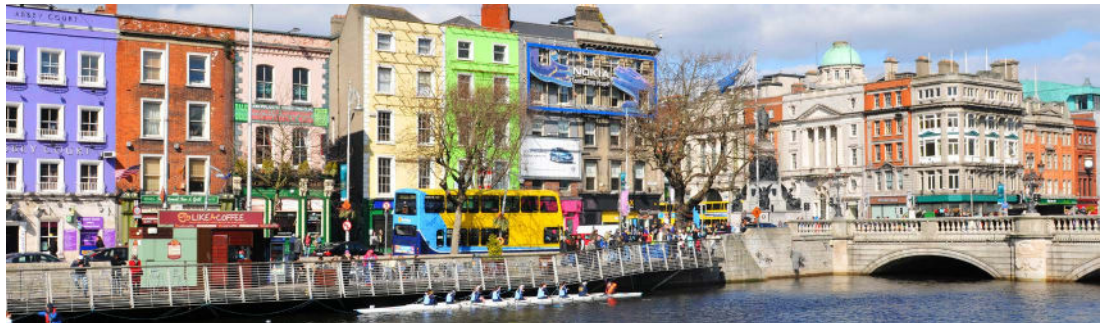
Building Bridges *and*  
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Music

Dublin, Ireland | March 13-20, 2026

## St. Patrick's Day Parade & Performance Tour of Ireland

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day in true Irish style by taking your marching band to Dublin to participate in the prestigious Dublin St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17, 2026, as well as sightseeing in Ireland that will include the Cliffs of Moher and a performance at Kilkenny Castle.

# The Setting



## Dublin St. Patrick's Day Parade

Bands play a very important part in the St. Patrick's Day Celebrations in Dublin and throughout the St. Patrick's Festival itself. The St. Patrick's Day Parade is attended by the President of Ireland and the Lord Mayor of Dublin. The marching route is approximately 1.7 miles long and it takes about 90 minutes to complete. Marching bands, theatrical presentations, and ceremonial elements participate with over half a million people viewing the parade in the streets of Dublin while millions more watch on TV.

## The History

The first St. Patrick's Day parade was not recorded until 1762 and was held by Irish soldiers in the British army stationed in the 13 Colonies. The early parades were often military celebrations, at first of the Irish in the British army, and later of the Irish agitating for independence. The shortest St. Patrick's Day parade in the world takes place in Dripsey, Cork. The parade lasts just 100 yards and travels between the village's two pubs. Saint Patrick's Day has come to be associated with everything Irish: anything green and gold, shamrocks and luck. Most importantly, to those who celebrate its intended meaning, St. Patrick's Day is a traditional day for spiritual renewal and offering prayers for missionaries worldwide.



## The Organizers: Perform International

*"Building Bridges and Transforming Lives through the Power of Music"*

Music and travel are a powerful combination. That is why Perform International has curated a team with a passion and expertise in both. We desire to bring the transformative power of international travel and performance to your program and your ensemble.

We see every trip and festival as an opportunity to celebrate the unique character of each musician while building a sense of unity and belonging through the universal language of music.

Your passion is our priority. Whether you've begun planning or are still dreaming, **our expertise will make your ideal performance and travel experience a reality.** From our first call until you return home, we will be your proactive partner, allowing you to focus on what matters most—your people and your program.

We look forward to working alongside you to create a memorable, meaningful, and cost effective tour for your choir, band, or orchestra.

# Perform International's Artistic Team



## Jerry F. Junkin

*Artistic Director  
of Bands, Perform  
International*

Jerry F. Junkin serves as the Artistic Director and Conductor of the Dallas Wind Symphony, as well as Director of Bands and the Frank C. Erwin, Jr. Centennial Professor of Music at the University of Texas at Austin, where he also holds the title of University Distinguished Teaching Professor. In 2003 he was appointed Music Director and Conductor of the Hong Kong Wind Philharmonia. The New York Times named the recent release on the Reference Recordings label with Jerry Junkin and The University of Texas Wind Ensemble, *Bells for Stokowski*, one of the best classical CDs of 2004.

Professor Junkin became conductor of The University of Texas Wind Ensemble in the fall of 1988, following an appointment as Director of Bands at the University of South Florida. In addition to his responsibilities as Professor of Music and Conductor and Music Director of the UT Wind Ensemble, he serves as Head of the Conducting Division and teaches courses in conducting and wind band literature. He is a recipient of the Texas Excellence in Teaching awards, presented annually by the Ex-Student's Association.

Jerry Junkin became the Artistic Director and Conductor of the Dallas Wind Symphony in the fall of 1993. Performances under the direction of Mr. Junkin have won the praise of such notable musicians as John Corigliano, David Del Tredici, Gunther Schuller, Karel Husa, William Kraft, Jacob Druckman and Michael Colgrass, among many others. In February of 2005 he led The University of Texas Wind Ensemble in the world premiere performance of Corigliano's *Circus Maximus: Symphony No. 3*, in both Austin and New York's Carnegie Hall. Maintaining an active schedule as a guest conductor, clinician and lecturer, Mr. Junkin has appeared in those capacities in forty-eight states and on five continents. In 2005 he was presented the Grainger Medallion by the International Percy Grainger Society.





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# Performance Tour of Ireland & St. Patrick's Day Parade

## Festival Tour Itinerary

### **Friday, March 13, 2026 - Departure USA**

Depart the U.S. for Dublin, Ireland.

### **Saturday, March 14, 2026 - Arrival Dublin**

Arrive in Dublin and be greeted by the Perform International tour manager. Time permitting enjoy a panoramic city tour of Dublin. Dinner and overnight Dublin.

### **Sunday, March 15, 2026 - Dublin / Rehearsal / Gaelic Games**

Morning rehearsal for Tuesday's parade. Afternoon Gaelic Games Experience. Dinner and overnight in Dublin.

### **Monday, March 16, 2026 - Dublin / Kilkenny Excursion**

Morning excursion to Kilkenny for Kilkenny Castle visit and marching or static performance there. Return to Dublin for St. Patrick's Day Festival launch at Collins Barracks. Dinner and overnight in Dublin.

### **Tuesday, March 17, 2026 - St. Patrick's Day Parade - Dublin**

Today march in the 2026 Dublin St. Patrick's Day parade. Free time in Dublin after parade. Overnight in Dublin.

### **Wednesday, March 18, 2026 - Dublin / Cliffs of Moher / Limerick / Dublin**

Excursion to the Cliffs of Moher. Dinner in Limerick en-route back to Dublin. Overnight in Dublin.

### **Thursday, March 19, 2026 - Dublin**

Sightseeing in Dublin including O'Connell Street, Phoenix Park, Leinster House, the Epic Museum, Christchurch Cathedral, and Guinness Storehouse. Fun farewell dinner and Irish show at Taylors Three Rock. Overnight in Dublin.

### **Friday, March 20, 2026 - Depart Dublin**

Departure from Dublin. Pre- and post-concert tours are available.

## Pre/Post Festival Tour Programs

Optional pre- and post-tours for groups of 20 and more passengers are available including additional individual performance opportunities. All of PI's pre/post tours are fully customized to each ensemble's specific needs.

If your group would like to spend more time exploring Ireland they might enjoy extensions for their customized tours before or after the parades.