

# United Irish Societies of Montreal



## 198th St. Patrick's Parade 2023





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# United Irish Societies of Montreal Inc.

(Organizers of the St. Patrick's Parade)



Dear friends,

It has been my absolute honour and privilege to represent you as the President of the United Irish Societies of Montreal over the past year.

The parade is back!! It has been a tumultuous 3 years but the Montreal tradition is back in its rightful place down Ste-Catherine St. The city looks a little different and we all feel a little different than the last full parade in 2019. But the tradition is still strong and this Irish Season just feels like the first thing "normal" again in a very long time - and thanks to all of you for doing your part in it. By either supporting the parade as a sponsor or volunteering to put it down the street - you all play a part in its success.

I want to thank our Queen and Court, Grand Marshal, Chief Reviewing Officer, and Award winners for this year - you have represented us well and it has been a pleasure to be at your side during this Irish Season.

I would like to thank all the Past Presidents for their guidance and support throughout my first year.

Being President is nothing if there is no support from a team. The Elected Executives, Chairpersons and volunteers make up that team and the amount of work this team does is far more than anyone realizes and they deserve a round of applause. The amount of little details that make up the parade and yearly events is a sight to be seen that should not be underestimated. Resurrecting the parade and events has been a challenge and our team cannot be thanked enough. My success reflects all their hard work and dedication to this great organization.

Many of us in the Society are new and have learned on the job all year - but I think we are in a great place for the future and hope to bring in even more new ideas to enhance our traditions moving forward. The door is always open for any of you to become part of the team.

I would like to thank all levels of government for the support given to us to allow us to continue the tradition of the Parade.

We will see you again next year, be well everyone.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Tracey  
President





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*Dear friends,*

It is my pleasure to address you as you celebrate your banquet and awards ceremony, following a successful relaunching of the events surrounding the St. Patrick's Day Parade, an event which brings joy to the heart of all Montrealers.

Gathering for the parade is a precious opportunity to celebrate the enormous contribution the Irish community and heritage have contributed to our city over the past two centuries. Yet we know that the parade gathers not only the Irish community, but Montrealers of all ages, languages, and cultural backgrounds, who gather with pride and gratitude to mark this festive celebration.

Thank you to all whose hard work makes the parade possible each year. It is a labour of love and a sign of the commitment that so many of you bear for the Irish community here in Montreal. I commend and congratulate your whole team, as well as each and every volunteer, for helping to make the annual St. Patrick's Parade a success!

*May the nourishment of the earth be yours,  
may the clarity of light be yours,  
may the fluency of the ocean be yours,  
may the protection of the ancestors be yours.  
And so may a slow wind work these words of love around you,  
an invisible cloak to mind your life.  
-John O'Donohue, Beannacht*

Enjoy your St. Patrick's Day festivities! *Slainte!*

Yours in Christ,

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April 1, 2023

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending tonight's Awards Dinner and Dance, hosted by the United Irish Societies of Montreal.



This event provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the renowned Montreal St. Patrick's Parade, now in its 198th year, and to honour individuals who contribute to its success. I would like to congratulate everyone being presented with an award this evening, including Grand Marshal Tim Furlong and Chief Reviewing Officer Sterling Downey. Your many accomplishments make you most deserving of this special recognition.

I would also like to thank the United Irish Societies of Montreal for hosting this banquet and for fostering fellowship in the community. Canada is truly a multicultural nation, made stronger and more resilient by our diversity.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable evening.

Sincerely,

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**DÉFILÉ DE LA SAINT-PATRICK**  
Message du ministre  
**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**  
Message from the Minister

Le défilé de la Saint-Patrick fait un grand retour cette année! Pour une 198<sup>e</sup> édition, cette fête réunira les Québécoises et Québécois d'origine irlandaise, ainsi que tous leurs proches, en vue de célébrer leur précieux héritage. L'apport majeur de cette communauté pour le développement de la métropole et du Québec a bien des raisons d'être souligné.

Populaire et reconnue, notre fête de la Saint-Patrick contribue à la vitalité du centre-ville, par son essence rassembleuse et joviale. Le gouvernement du Québec est fier de soutenir cet événement mettant de l'avant la riche diversité culturelle qui façonne le visage de Montréal depuis des décennies.

Ce retour officiel du défilé aux multiples tons de vert présage très certainement l'arrivée imminente du printemps ainsi que la belle saison de festivités qui nous attend. Étant moi-même d'origine irlandaise, je suis particulièrement fier de vous souhaiter une joyeuse Saint-Patrick!

The St. Patrick's Day Parade is making a comeback this year. Now in its 198th year, the festive event will assemble Quebecers of Irish origin and their loved ones to celebrate their priceless heritage. There are many reasons to underscore this community's significant contribution to the development of Montréal and Québec.

Our popular, well-known St. Patrick's celebrations, at once unifying and jovial, are contributing to downtown Montréal's vitality. The Québec government is proud to support this event that showcases the broad cultural diversity that has for decades shaped the face of Montréal.

The official resumption of the parade in numerous shades of green is undoubtedly a harbinger of spring's imminent arrival and the summer festivities that lie ahead. Given my Irish roots, I am especially proud to wish you a happy St. Patrick's Day.

**Pierre Fitzgibbon**

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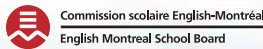
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Le trèfle sur le drapeau et les armoiries de Montréal nous rappelle tous les jours la fière marque d'un des cinq peuples fondateurs de la ville et son immense héritage.

Je félicite l'équipe exceptionnelle des Sociétés irlandaises unies de Montréal pour l'organisation de cette grande fête et pour le défilé, qui se classe parmi les dix plus remarquables du genre dans le monde, selon le National Geographic. Je tiens à saluer les bénévoles dévoués qui contribuent au succès de ces festivités, qui se poursuivent, année après année.

La Saint-Patrick nous rappelle que nous avons toutes et tous le trèfle irlandais tatoué sur le cœur.

Joyeuses célébrations et Erin go Bragh!

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In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, the Montréal Irish community invites us to its 198th parade and to all the activities surrounding the festive occasion. What a joy it is to see the rush of green on St. Catherine Street, heralding spring and bringing hope to the city!

The shamrock on the flag and coat of arms of Montréal reminds us every day of the proud heritage of one of the five founding peoples of the city.

I congratulate the outstanding team at the United Irish Societies of Montréal for organizing this great celebration and parade, which is ranked among the top ten of its kind in the world by National Geographic. I would also like to salute the dedicated volunteers who contribute to the success of these festivities, which continue year after year.

St. Patrick's Day reminds us that we all have the Irish shamrock tattooed on our hearts.

Enjoy the celebrations and Erin go Bragh!

Valérie Plante  
Mairesse de Montréal  
Mayor of Montréal

Montréal 



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- To help organize the annual St. Patrick's Parade.
- To help organize the annual Queen's Selection Evening.
- To help raise funds necessary to supply food baskets at Christmas time.
- To help assemble and deliver food baskets at Christmas time.
- To help organize and attend the annual Awards Banquet & Dinner Dance in honour of the Grand Marshal and Chief Reviewing Officer.
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The Executive and members  
congratulate fellow member

**Tim Furlong**

on being chosen as the

2023 Grand Marshal of  
The United Irish Societies  
St Patrick's Parade

We would also like to congratulate  
Tim & Kim on their marriage

*"May love and laughter light your days  
and warm your hearts and home."*



# **Tim Furlong**

## **Grand Marshal**

### **2023 St. Patrick's Parade**



Tim Furlong is a Montrealer of Irish descent, whose roots hail from county Wicklow in Ireland. He brings honour to the Irish community of Montreal for his years of broad-ranging volunteer service in various organizations in and around Montreal.

Tim's service-oriented mindset began back in high school where he served as President of the Student Council at James Lyng High School, and was awarded Student of the Year for his involvement in many school activities.

When Tim was growing up in Point St. Charles, he was coached in the Leo's Boys Organization. He paid that forward by coaching hockey and football in the same organization. When he moved to Chateauguy he immediately got involved in coaching baseball for the Chateauguy Little League Baseball Assoc. In 1993, Tim was elected President of Chateauguy Little League and held that position for seven years. He also coached minor hockey, and co-chaired a group of Boy Scouts in Chateauguy. Chateauguy has recognized Tim's volunteer service on two occasions. He was named Volunteer of the Year in 1994 by The City of Chateauguy for Sports, and Grand Marshall of The Chateauguy and Valley Irish Parade in 2013.

In 1999, Tim also became a member of the Erin Sports Association, where he held various positions: Entertainment Chairman, and Vice-president, and in 2010, he was elected President, a position he held for eleven years. While he served as President, with heart and soul, Tim oversaw many different fund-raising activities for those in need including scholarships for young students to attend different trade schools, lunches for senior citizens at Christmas, a gift at Christmas for underprivileged children, and food baskets for families in need during the holiday season.

In 2020, Tim was diagnosed with esophageal cancer, and amazingly, battled this disease alongside the love of his life, Kim, and was declared cancer-free within one year.

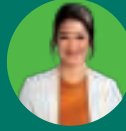
The United Irish Societies of Montreal are thrilled to present Tim Furlong as the Grand Marshal of the 2023 St. Patrick's Parade in Montreal.

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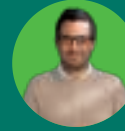
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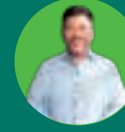
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STERLING DOWNEY FOR HIS ROLE AS CHIEF REVIEWING OFFICER FOR THE  
2023 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



# ***Sterling Downey*** ***Chief Reviewing Officer*** ***2023 St. Patrick's Parade***



Sterling Downey grew up in the Crawford Park district of Verdun that he still calls home.

After co-founding the UnderPressure Urban Arts Festival in 1996, he opened collaborative spaces created for and by the emerging street art community.

Sterling was first elected city councilor for the Desmarchais-Crawford district in Verdun in 2013. He has been reelected twice, most recently in November 2021. Currently, deputy mayor of the Borough, he has previously served as deputy mayor of the City of Montreal. In addition to his responsibilities as Borough and City councillor, Sterling sits on the Agglomeration council, is Vice-chair of the Commission de la présidence du conseil, and is a member of the Commission sur le développement social et la diversité montréalaise.

Sterling is currently a community representative on Riverview School's governing board, has a role on Verdun Elementary's Governing Board, and is a community representative on Beurling Academy's governing board.

Sterling has never shied away from his past and has not let it define him. He uses his experiences to help marginalized youth by speaking about the effects of bullying and by helping communities such as LGBTQ2S youth find safe spaces where they can thrive.

While helping youth is a big part of who Sterling is, he is also committed to recognizing and honoring his community's veterans past and present. Sterling was a major proponent of the "Sentier des coquelicots" (translated: Poppy Trail) in the Crawford Park neighborhood and championed the recent impressive revamping of the cenotaph at Parc du Souvenir in front of Borough Hall in Verdun. He always finds the time to volunteer his services to sell poppies within his community for Royal Canadian Legion Branch #4.

The United Irish Societies of Montreal are thrilled to present Councillor Sterling Downey as the Chief Reviewing Officer of the 2023 St. Patrick's Parade in Montreal.

**Pam McEntee**  
**The Simon McDonough**  
**Humanitarian Award**  
**Recipient 2023**



Pam McEntee is one who constantly works to help others.

She is a great behind-the-scenes volunteer and worker. Pam always seems to seek out what needs to be done and makes herself available to help. She delivers meals to seniors on a regular basis. She is a personal caregiver to a person with physical challenges. Pam volunteers at the NDCJ Legion and is always on hand to lend a hand at Innisfail. You will find her on our reviewing stand at the parade serving coffee. Wherever she sees the need, she is there. She is just a giving person and never looks for recognition.

The United Irish Societies is happy to present Pam McEntee as the 2023 Simon McDonough Humanitarian Award.

**Previous Simon McDonough Humanitarian Award Recipients**

1993	Maureen Kelly	2004	Donald Pidgeon	2015	Mabel Fitzgerald
1994	Kenny Meehan	2005	Joseph Quinn	2016	Richard McConomy and Pierrette Sévigny
1995	John P. Gilroy	2006	Ann Cruise-Broden	2017	Erin Sports Association
1996	William Pidgeon	2007	Brian McBrien	2018	Cindy Bray and Gerry Tibbo
1997	William O'Donnell	2008	Brian Dowd	2019	Robin Roberts
1998	Frank Monroe	2009	Edith Cavanaugh	2020	Org. Comm. Ste Anne's Hospital NYE Show
1999	Sr. Dianna Lieffers	2010	Adrian Bercovici	2021	Patty-Ann McCann
2000	Liam Daly	2011	Kelvin & Janice Berry	2022	Sterling Downey
2001	Bernadette Short	2012	Ernie Presseau		
2002	Rev. Father Thomas McEntee	2013	Michael Spears		
2003	Father Emmett Jofus	2014	Francis Baddeley		

# Grant Stewart

## The Liam Daly Heritage Award Recipient 2023



Since the onset of the pandemic, as quarantine and isolation took its toll on us all, Grant Stewart found a way to make days a little bit brighter for others. He took the opportunity to ask daily trivia questions in the UIS Marshals' Facebook group, as well as the St. Gabriel's Parish group, with very rare pauses.

For months on end, Grant would "remember" prominent members of our organization - past presidents, grand marshals, CROs, Queens, members, etc. He found a way to bring the Irish community together in a way that not many other people could have. Grant is a relatively quiet man. However, his daily posts have persistently given us pause to reflect on the impact the men and women that came before us have had on our organization and our community. He renewed a sense of community when it was needed most, and for that, many are grateful.

For his consistent and persistent work at remembering the UIS leaders and members who came before us, Grantland "Grant" Stewart was chosen as the recipient of the Liam Daly Heritage Award 2023.

The Liam Daly Heritage Award was created by the United Irish Societies of Montreal in memory of a man closely associated with numerous organizations within the Irish community and made a positive impact on those he served.

### Previous Liam Daly Heritage Award Recipients

2004	April O'Donoghue	2011	Kathleen McAuliffe	2017	Richard "Ricky" Clahane
2005	Lynn Lonergan Doyle	2012	Jeffrey Charles McCarthy, CD	2018	Alan Jones
2006	Patricia Burns	2013	Andriù MacGabhann	2019	Carol McCormick
2007	St. Patrick's Society	2014	John Gilroy	2020	Solstice
2008	Elizabeth Quinn	2015	Siamsa School of Irish Music	2021	Paul Loftus
2009	Lisa Forget	2016	Montreal Shamrocks GAC	2022	Colleen Murphy
2010	Donald Pidgeon				





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# The United Irish Societies of Montreal Inc.

## 2023 St. Patrick's Parade Queen and Court

**SAMARA O'GORMAN**

**2023 PARADE QUEEN**

Samara O'Gorman is an Irish-Canadian, Montreal-based actress and writer. Her family's Irish roots are from counties Monaghan and Clare. Her debut poetry collection *What If The Sun Died* is a #1 best-selling book in the Mythological Storytelling category. In the city of Montreal, she is recognized as a community poet and has spoken and recited her poems at schools, ceremonies, and various other public occasions.

In June of 2022, Samara became a recognized ICUF (Irish Canadian University Foundation) scholar after being awarded the Irish Language Scholarship to study in the Gaeltacht of An Cheathrú Rua, where she researched the Irish language and learned how to speak it fluently. Samara is also a full-time student in The School of Irish Studies at Concordia University where her studies focus on Irish folklore, literature, and history.

Our local rising actress has been known to receive many accolades, including the Brian O'Neill Gallery Tuition Award twice by the School of Irish Studies due to her academic achievements. She also recently received the United Irish Societies of Montreal's Scholarship to put towards her studies. Samara's goal upon graduation in 2023 is to use everything she has learned so far to pursue an Individualized Program MA, with a focus on Irish folklore.

Samara currently lives in Montreal, Canada where she can be found writing poetry, acting on set for a film, indulging herself in anything Irish-culture-related, or in the midst of creating new works of art.



**OLIVIA DAWE**

**Princess**

Born in Montreal, Olivia is Australian on her father's side and Irish on her mother's side. Her grandmother, Elizabeth Murphy, was from Dublin, and her grandfather, Patrick McCarthy, hailed from Clonakilty, Cork. Olivia loves returning to Ireland to see the beautiful beaches of Wexford and visit her many cousins.

Olivia is a safety specialist for 3M Canada. During the Covid19 pandemic, Olivia spent time discussing respiratory protection solutions to workers throughout the province so that they could continue to perform their duties without risking virus transmission to their community. Olivia is a graduate in History from McGill University.

Olivia is a passionate rugby player, having played for Dawson College, McGill University and the Westmount rugby team as a fullback. No matter where her travels may take her, she knows that she always has a home with the local rugby team. Olivia also enjoys maintaining her passion for history by reading and assiduously visiting all of Montreal's last museum exhibitions. Finally, she enjoys collecting paintings and sculptures made locally and abroad.

In her spare time, Olivia coaches the girls' rugby teams of the École Secondaire Monseigneur Richard in Verdun. She draws great fulfillment from offering young women the opportunity to practice the world's best sport, learn new skills, and have fun.



**CAELEIGH McDONALD**

**Princess**

Caeleigh McDonald is 25 years old, and originally from Sackville, New Brunswick. She has been living in Montreal since 2015, having attended McGill University, where she completed a Bachelor of Arts in English (Drama and Theatre) and Political Science.

Her grandmother on her paternal side lived in Dublin prior to immigrating to Canada, and much of her family still lives in and around Dublin. She has had the privilege of visiting Ireland twice, and one of her greatest life regrets is failing to complete the hike up to the Fairy Castle in the Dublin Mountains (she was about ten and very tired, and sometimes not even fairies can rouse a tired ten-year-old on a hike).

Currently, Caeleigh is the Marketing and Communications Manager at Geordie Theatre, a Montreal-based professional theatre that brings theatre to youth across Eastern Canada through touring performances, workshops, and theatre classes.

In her free time she enjoys reading, dancing, and performing with local community theatres.



**JULIA MEIKLE ROCHFORD**

**Princess**

Julia Meikle Rochford is a Montrealer with a long line of Irish heritage. Irish dance played an active role in her life as both herself and older sister Irish danced with the Bemadette Short School of Irish Dance until 2014. Performing on the St. Patrick's Day Parade float was always something she greatly enjoyed. Through the close-knit family of dancers and volunteers, Julia began to develop her Montreal-Irish identity and learn what it means to be a descendant of Irish immigrants, as well as appreciate the true value of giving back to the community. Julia has been the chairperson of the Youth Committee for St. Andrew's Society of Montreal for the last six years, allowing her to celebrate and learn about the role Montreal Celtic societies play in giving back to organizations supporting Montrealers.

Her interest in the fields of social work and helping professions began at age ten when she had the experience of being a "reverse integration" student at Mackay Centre School, a school for children with physical disabilities.

Throughout her High School years, she was an active volunteer at Camp Mississippi, Logifem, a shelter for women in difficulty. After High School, she chose to study Special Care Counselling at Champlain Lennoxville all while continuing her volunteer efforts.

Currently, Julia is in her final year of her Bachelor of Social Work at McGill, through which she is completing an internship with the CLSC-Pierrefonds in their Jeunes en difficulté program.



**SHAELEIGH SPRACKLIN**

**Princess**

Shaeleigh is 23 years old and currently living in Saint-Lazare. Her ancestry comes from her maternal side, the Bailie's from county Antrim and the O'Reilly's from county Cavan.

She is graduating in the spring with a Bachelor of Science, major in Biochemistry and a minor in Irish Studies. She is currently working full time as a Laboratory Analyst in Immunology for a multinational corporation, working on clinical trials for major diseases such as cancer, Alzheimer's, and diabetes.

She enjoys spending her time outdoors, hiking, kayaking, and running. She is adventurous and loves to travel.

Shaeleigh has volunteered at the Vaudreuil-Soulanges Palliative Care and Hudson's Meals on Wheels. She traveled to Mexico to help build a medical centre in a remote village, and volunteered for wildlife conservation projects in South Africa.

She has been very active in multiple sports throughout her life; captain of the John Abbott flag football team, captain of her high school basketball team, played soccer and danced competitively for the Bemadette Short School of Irish Dance for twelve years.

The Queen's Selection Evening is an annual event, open to any young lady of Irish origin between the ages of 18 and 25. The above winners were chosen at this year's Selection Evening held on Saturday, February 3, 2023.



# 2023 St. Patrick's Parade Trophy Winners



**REACH HIGH SCHOOL**  
Best High School Unit  
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**LESTER B. PEARSON SCHOOL BOARD**  
Best Amateur Float  
Sponsor: J.P. Feron



**RCMP**  
Best Military Unit  
Sponsor: Quinn Family



**ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY**  
Best Marching Unit  
Sponsor: Phillips & Campbell



**LES ÉCLAIRS DE QUÉBEC**  
Best Out of Town Unit - Sponsor: J.McMullen  
Best Overall of the Trophy Winners  
Sponsor: Simon McDonough Memorial



**COSTELLO IRISH DANCE**  
Best Celtic Dancing Unit  
Sponsor: William C. Hickey



# 2023 St. Patrick's Parade Trophy Winners



**BAIN MAGIQUE / BATH FITTER**  
Most Creative Endeavour  
Sponsor: CBC



**ERIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION**  
Best Sister Society  
Sponsor: Past Presidents



**THE BLACK WATCH (RHR) PIPES & DRUMS**  
Best Pipe Band  
Sponsor: Bishop Leonard Crowley



**MCKIBBIN'S IRISH PUB**  
Most Authentic Irish Unit  
Sponsor: John Kenny Memorial



**ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH**  
Most Original Parish Unit  
Sponsor: Bishop Neil E. Willard Memorial



**BERNADETTE SHORT SCHOOL  
OF IRISH DANCE**  
Best Youth Group Entry  
Sponsor: Karnak Shriners



# 2023 St. Patrick's Parade Trophy Winners



**CN**

**Best Commercial Float**

**Sponsor: Stephen M. Dowd Memorial**



**LES TITANS DE QUÉBEC**

**Best Band**

**Sponsor: Brian McKeown Memorial**



**ÉCOLE SOCRATES-DEMOSTHENE  
COMMUNAUTÉ HÉLLENIQUE**

**Best Cultural Community Unit**

**Sponsor: The Beat 92.5**



**CANADIAN SPCA**

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## A SOLDIER'S SONG

We'll sing a song, a soldier's song, with cheering, rousing chorus.  
As round our blazing fires we throng, the starry heavens o'er us;  
Impatient for the coming fight, and as we wait the morning light,  
Here in the silence of the night, we'll chant a soldier's song.

CHORUS :

Soldiers are we, whose lives are pledged to Ireland, Some have come from a  
land beyond the wave, Sworn to be free, no more our ancient sireland  
Shall shelter the despot or slave. Tonight we'll man the Bearn Baoghail,  
In Erin's cause come woe or weal, Mid cannon's roar and rifle's peal,  
We'll chant a soldier's song.

In valley green, on towering crag, our fathers fought before us, And conquered 'neath the same old flag  
that's proudly floating o'er us; We're children of a fighting race,  
That never yet has known disgraced, And as we march, the foe to face,  
We'll chant a soldier's song

CHORUS

Sons of the Gael, men of the Pale, the long watched day is breaking, The serried ranks of Innisfail shall set the  
tyrant quaking; Our camp fires now are burning low, See in the east the silvery glow, Out yonder waits the  
Saxon foe, Then chant a soldier's song

CHORUS

## AMHRÁN NA BHFIANN

Seo dhíbh a cháirde duan oclaigh caithréimeach, bríoghmar, ceolmhar,  
Ár dteinte cnámh go buacach táid, 'S an spéir go mín réaltógach.  
Is fionnmhar faobhrach sinn chum gleo 'S go tiúnmhar glé roimh tigheacht do'n ló  
Fa ciúnas chaoimh na h-oidhche ar seol, Seo libh, canaidh Amhrán na bhFiann.

CURFA:

Sinne Fianna Fáil atá fá gheall ag Éirinn, Buidhean dár sluagh tar túinn do ráinig  
chughainn: Fámhóid bheith saor, sean-tír ár sinnsear feasta  
Ní fágfar fá'n tíorán ná fá'n tráil; Anocht a theigeamh sa bhearna baoghail,  
Le gear ar Gaedhil chum báis nó saoghail, Le gunna sgréac; fá lamhach na piléar,  
Seo libh canaidh Amhrán na bhFiann.

Cois banta réidhe, ar árdaibh sléibhe Ba bhuadhach ár sinnsear romhainn, Ag lámhach go tréan fá'n sár-bhrat  
séin Tá thuas sa ghaoith go seolta;

Ba dhuthchas riamh d'ár gcine cháidh Gan iompáil siar ó imirt áir,  
'Siubhal mar iad i gcoinnibh námhaid Seo libh, canaidh Amhrán na bhFiann.

CURFA

A buidhean nach fann d'fuil Ghaoidheal is Gall, Sinn breacadh lae na saoirse,  
Tá sgéimhle 's agannradh i gcroidhthibh namhad, Roimh ranngaibh laochra ár dtíre;  
Ár dtainte is tréith gan spréach anois, Sin luisne ghlé san-spéir anoir, 'S an bódhbha i raon na bpiléar agaibh:  
Seo libh, canaidh Amhrán na bhFiann.

CURFA



## 2023 United Irish Societies Post-Parade & Awards Banquet

A celebration to honour the 2023 Parade  
Grand Marshal, Tim Furlong and the 2023  
Chief Reviewing Officer, Sterling Downey

### Evening Program

#### PROCESSIONAL ENTRY

Parade Queen & Court  
Head Table

#### NATIONAL ANTHEMS

OPENING GRACE

INTRODUCTIONS

#### ADDRESSES

President  
Grand Marshal  
Chief Reviewing Officer

#### PRESENTATIONS

Simon McDonaugh Humanitarian Award

Liam Daly Heritage Award

Queen and Court

#### PARADE FLAG

Entertainment : Bernadette Short Irish Dancers

### Menu

Beer & Wine  
Cream of Vegetable Soup  
Exotic Salad  
Braised Beef on bone served with Vegetables and Potatoes  
Dulce de Leche  
Coffee & Tea

Music provided by: Good Time Charlie  
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*Awards Banquet*



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*Christmas Baskets*



**Leah Tracey**  
*Communications*



**Danny Doyle Sr.**  
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 The Black Watch (RHR) of Canada Pipes & Drums  
 2023 Grand Marshal - Mr. Tim Furlong  
 2023 Chief Reviewing Officer - Mr. Sterling Downey  
 UIS Vice President - Organization- Mr. Kevin Dineen  
 UIS President - Mr. Kevin Tracey  
 UIS Queen's Float  
 UIS Executives & Dignitaries  
 UIS Mascot - Paddy  
 UIS Past Queens and Princesses  
 Kahnawake Peacekeepers  
 Kahnawake Fire Brigade  
 St. Patrick Statue  
 Mohawk Woman Statue  
 Chomedey de Maisonneuve Statue  
 St George Statue  
 St Andrew Statue  
 Ancient Order of Hibernians Canada  
 Montreal Pipe & Drum  
 St. Patrick's Society of Montreal  
 Innisfail Social and Sports Club  
 Blue Saints Drum & Bugle Corps  
 Erin Sports Association  
 Festival Bloomsday Montreal  
 Montreal City Councillors & Elected Politicians  
 RCMP Pipe & Drum & marching unit  
 Le Défilé de la Saint-Patrick de Québec/  
     Quebec St. Patrick's Parade  
 Karnak Shriners, A.A.O.N.M.S.  
 Shriners Hospital Float  
 Arrondissement de Verdun  
 Siamsa-Scoil Cheolta Eireann  
 McCambridge Family/St. Ann's Parish (1854 – 1971)  
 Ronald C. Lister Canada Inc.  
 Bernadette Short School of Irish Dance/  
     Ville Marie Feis  
 Granny Grunt Adventure Youth Group  
 St. Lambert Locks Rugby Club  
 Sacred Heart School  
 CJAD 800 & CTV Float  
 SPCA Canada  
 Saint John Brébeuf Parish - Lasalle (est. 1954)  
 Knights of Columbus  
 Montreal Central Lions Club  
 Montreal Shamrocks Gaelic Athletic Association  
 Les Druméthiques de Québec  
 Canadian National Railway  
 Les Titans de Québec  
 3rd Montreal Battery of Artillery (Field)  
 21st Batterie de Campagne de Westmount  
 Black Watch Cadets Pipes & Drums  
 St Andrew's Society  
 TSN 690  
 S&S Costumes  
 Reach High School  
 Seaforth & District All Girls Marching Band  
 Town of Hampstead  
 Lester B. Pearson School Board  
 Montreal Chinese Community  
 Les Éclairs de Québec  
 St. Anthony's Parish Group (1884 - 2004)  
 Jamaica Assn of Montreal  
 Moran Academy of Irish Dancing  
 Pompiers Auxiliares de Montréal  
 Royal Cdn Navy, HMCS Donnacona Military band  
 Soulanges Irish Society  
 Doghaus  
 Elekrika  
 Revêtement Montréal  
 The Beat 92.5  
 Montreal Irish Rugby Football Club  
 F45 Training (Griffintown)  
 McKibbin's Irish Pub  
 Service D'Urgence Ville de Pincourt  
 Ecole Socrates Demosthene (Greek Community)  
 3 Soeurs Restaurant  
 Costello Irish Dance School  
 Scouts Canada  
 Virgin Radio Montreal  
 CP Rail  
 Belfor Property Restoration  
 Dublin Pub Cider  
 Skateboards for Hope  
 Chateauguay & Valley Irish Heritage Association  
 Young Academy of Irish Dance  
 Forteresse Impériale - 501st Legion (Star Wars)  
 Martin Albino and the Savoy's  
 Global News Montreal  
 Montreal Barbarians Rugby Club  
 Bain Magique/Bath Fitter  
 Wanderers Rugby Club  
 Le Bon Dieu Dans la Rue  
 Ottawa Caledonians  
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# The United Irish Societies of Montreal Inc.

## Past Presidents



Robert T. Larkin  
1973-74



James P. Coleman  
1975-76



Patrick O'Connell  
1990-91



Joseph Quinn  
1996-97



Elizabeth Quinn  
2000-01



Robert McKay  
2002-03



Sheila Showers  
2004-05



Larry Smith  
2006-07



Marlene Demers  
2008-09



Ken Quinn  
2010-11



Mike Kennedy  
2012-13



Daniel Doyle Sr.  
2016-17



Paul Loftus  
2018-19



Patricia Mulqueen  
2020-22



John J. McCaffrey – 1929-30

Herbert Potter – 1931-32

John Loye – 1933-57

John Lucey 1958

Martin Greene – 1959-60

Pat Quackenbush – 1961-62

John J. Kenny – 1963-64

Francis J. Quinn – 1965-66

Richard C. Cooper – 1967-68

Patrick J. Fitzgerald – 1969-70

George O'Reilly, Jr. 1971-72

David Deegan - 1976-77

Donald Pidgeon – 1978-79

Wilfred Goddard – 1980-81

Norman J. Browne – 1982-83

D'Arcy C. Boyle – 1984-85

Bernard Woffenden – 1986-87

Bryan Scott – 1988-89

Mabel Ann Fitzgerald 1992-93

Michael Spears 1994-95

Margaret Healy – 1998-99

Beverly Murphy 2014-15



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1929 - Ald. Thomas E. Fagan  
 1930 - P. O'Donnell  
 1931 - Insp. Toby Kavanagh  
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 1933 - Insp. Patrick Lawton  
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 1936 - Ald. T. Kilfeather  
 1937 - Ald. Dave Rochon  
 1938 - John J. Powell  
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 1944 - Thomas J. Geurin, M.L.A.  
 1945 - Councillor Frank Hanley  
 1946 - Ald. Pat Quinn  
 1947 - Hon. Justice T. J Coonan  
 1948 - Rev. M.T.J. O'Brien, P.P.  
 1949 - Recorder E.J. McManamy  
 1950 - Councillor Eddie O'Flaherty  
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 1952 - Councillor J.A. Murphy, Q.C.  
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 1954 - F.G.M. Bolton  
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 1956 - Col. Redmond Roche, Q.C.  
 1957 - Angus MacLean Gilday  
 1958 - Mayor George O'Reilly  
 1959 - Dr. L.P. Nelligan  
 1960 - Jack Cronin

1961 - Councillor Gerry Snyder  
 1962 - Councillor Ken McKenna  
 1963 - Dr. Kenny Mooney, M.D.  
 1964 - Richard F. Walsh  
 1965 - T.P. Slattery, Q.C.  
 1966 - Bryce Mackasey, M.P.  
 1967 - Rev. Patrick J. Ambrose  
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 1969 - Rev. Patrick J. Malone, S.J.  
 1970 - Michael J. McCormick  
 1971 - John Carey  
 1972 - Judge Clarence G. Quinlan  
 1973 - James J. Connolly  
 1974 - John Quinn  
 1975 - Frank A. Phillips  
 1976 - George O'Reilly Jr.  
 1977 - Ronald Toohey  
 1978 - Patrick J.B. Fitzgerald  
 1979 - Martin Conroy  
 1980 - Brian Mulroney  
 1981 - Gerald Raymond  
 1982 - Peter Bedard  
 1983 - John McConomy  
 1984 - Robert T. Larkin  
 1985 - Bishop L.J. Crowley  
 1986 - Gerald (Gerry) O'Donnell  
 1987 - Wilfred Goddard  
 1988 - Francis Quinn  
 1989 - Rev. William McCarthy  
 1990 - Liam Daly  
 1991 - James P. Coleman  
 1992 - Richard McConomy

1993 - Derek Deegan  
 1994 - Donald Pidgeon  
 1995 - Keith Matticks  
 1996 - Bishop N.E. Willard, V.G.  
 1997 - Leo L. Delaney  
 1998 - Brian McKeown  
 1999 - James Barriere  
 2000 - Robin Burns  
 2001 - Terence Corcoran  
 2002 - Wayne Hogan  
 2003 - Dr. Michael Kenneally  
 2004 - William (Bill) Hurley  
 2005 - Margaret Healy  
 2006 - Brian O'Neill  
 2007 - Ted Harman  
 2008 - John Meaney  
 2009 - David John O'Neill  
 2010 - Jim Killin  
 2011 - Fr. John Walsh  
 2012 - Paul Loftus  
 2013 - Andrew W. Fogarty  
 2014 - William O'Donnell  
 2015 - Geoffrey Kelley  
 2016 - Paul Quinn  
 2017 - Hon. Denis Coderre PC  
 2018 - Elizabeth Quinn  
 2019 - Sean Finn  
 2020-21-22 - Shawn O'Donnell  
 2023 - Tim Furlong



## CHIEF REVIEWING OFFICERS 1952-2023

1952 - William Bryant  
 1953 - Joseph Cullen  
 1954 - John Brennan  
 1955 - Col. R. Roche, OC. OBF  
 1956 - W.P. Kierens  
 1957 - William (Bill) Fitzpatrick  
 1958 - William C. Hickey  
 1959 - Dr. Thomas J. Kierens  
 1960 - Edmond Coleman  
 1961 - William P. Fay  
 1962 - Rev. James O'Toole, P.P.  
 1963 - Frank J, Selke, Sr.  
 1964 - Right Rev. Kenneth Maguire  
 1965 - Hon. Eric Kierns  
 1966 - John A. Belton  
 1967 - Mayor Jean Drapeau  
 1968 - Bishop N. J. Gallagher, V.G.  
 1969 - Gerald O'Donnell  
 1970 - Albert David  
 1971 - Sam Maislin  
 1972 - Bishop L.J. Crowley, V.G.  
 1973 - Joseph Dunne, M.R.A.I.C.  
 1974 - Warren Allmand, M.P.  
 1975 - John Campbell, M.P.

1976 - Dan Yacovitch  
 1977 - Richard F. Walsh  
 1978 - Lucien Caron, M.N.A.  
 1979 - John McConomy  
 1980 - Msgr. N.E. Willard, P.H.  
 1981 - Rev. Peter McGlynn, P.P.  
 1982 - Rev. T.D. McEntee, C.D.  
 1983 - Michael B. Spears  
 1984 - Joseph Sullivan, Sr.  
 1985 - Hugh McGlynn  
 1986 - Eric H. Molson  
 1987 - Andrew W. Fogarty  
 1988 - Sam L. Elkas  
 1989 - Mayor Raymond Savard  
 1990 - Sid Stevens  
 1991 - Jim D. Smith  
 1992 - Rev. Joseph P. Sullivan, P.P.  
 1993 - Brian O'Neill Gallery  
 1994 - Col. André DeQuoy, C.D.  
 1995 - Ted Blackman  
 1996 - Jacques Duchesneau  
 1997 - Terrance John Clahane  
 1998 - Rev. Murray McCrory  
 1999 - Dennis Trudeau

2000 - Rob Braide  
 2001 - John McDonough  
 2002 - Mabel Ann Fitzgerald  
 2003 - Larry W. Smith  
 2004 - Georges Bossé  
 2005 - Michel Sarrazin  
 2006 - Alan Hustak  
 2007 - Bishop Antony Mancini, V.G.  
 2008 - James (Jim) Barriere  
 2009 - Robert Thomas Larkin  
 2010 - James Coleman  
 2011 - Brendan Deegan  
 2012 - Danny Doyle Sr.  
 2013 - Donald Pidgeon  
 2014 - Brian MacKenzie  
 2015 - Elizabeth Quinn  
 2016 - Lynn Lonergan Doyle  
 2017 - Sister Dianna, Lieffers NDS  
 2018 - Ronald (Ronnie) James  
 2019 - Joey Elias  
 2020-21-22 - Steve Garnett  
 2023 - Sterling Downey



Each year since 1956 the United Irish Societies of Montreal has organized a contest to select a queen and princesses for the annual parade. The event was originally called the Queen's Pageant and held at the Sailor's Club in Old Montreal.

Today, the Selection Evening is a public speaking contest held downtown.

## PARADE QUEENS – 1956-2023

1956 - Patricia Ann Craig  
1957 - Agnes O'Neill  
1958 - Erin Shannon  
1959 - Maureen Wholey  
1960 - Doris Kennedy  
1961 - Betty McGrory  
1962 - Patricia Browne  
1963 - Anna Gavigan  
1964 - Margaret McGregor  
1965 - Arlene Morell  
1966 - Veronica O'Shaughnessy  
1967 - Clare Leonard  
1968 - Maureen McCabe  
1969 - Vickie McDonough  
1970 - Brenda Reid  
1971 - Deborah McHenry  
1972 - Susan Murray  
1973 - Deborah Tierney  
1974 - Maureen Ann McNally  
1975 - Maureen O'Shea  
1976 - Patricia Canty  
1977 - Kelly Rostek  
1978 - Tracey Sweeney

1979 - Lynn Hume  
1980 - Andrea Egerton  
1981 - Linda McLain  
1982 - Catherine Crowe  
1983 - Suzanne Shannon  
1984 - Linda McKeown  
1985 - Carolyn Byrne  
1986 - Rosaleen Carroll  
1987 - Janice Campbell  
1988 - Kimberley Amiot  
1989 - Margaret Aherne  
1990 - Valerie Shannahan  
1991 - Kimberley Anne Tyrell  
1992 - Kelly Pierson  
1993 - Jennifer McKeogh  
1994 - Colleen Murphy  
1995 - Shelly Howe  
1996 - Jaime Andrea Kirnan  
1997 - Amanda Elizabeth Hoover  
1998 - Maureen Ring  
1999 - Kathryn Fitzpatrick  
2000 - Jennifer Nolan-Arditi  
2001 - Nadia Collette

2002 - Kellyann Ryan  
2003 - Erin McCarthy  
2004 - Tara Hecksher  
2005 - Stephanie Glezos  
2006 - Courtney Elizabeth Mullins  
2007 - Andrea McGlynn  
2008 - Briana Yerbury  
2009 - Erin Mackasey  
2010 - Katherine McKendy  
2011 - Olivia Crawford  
2012 - Keira Kilmartin  
2013 - Alyssa Caughy  
2014 - Sarah Murphy  
2015 - Carly Meredith  
2016 - Samantha Cambridge  
2017 - Mary Lynne Loftus  
2018 - Kathleen Brown-Vandecruys  
2019 - Victoria Kelly  
2020-21-22 - Orla Mahon  
2023 – Samara O'Gorman







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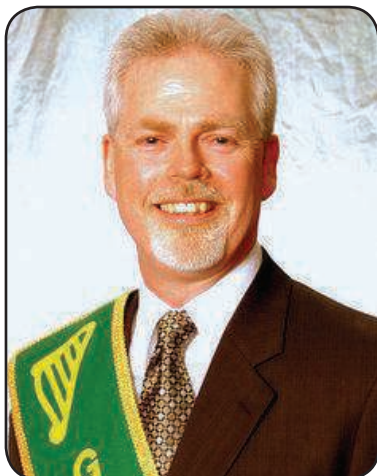


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## 1993 was a memorable one for the St. Patrick's Parade.

In those days, a different Parade Theme was selected annually by the Executive and membership. The theme in 1993 was "Sharing our History", something our community has been most pleased to do since even prior to 1824. I remember this parade well. My 2nd parade as a marshal and my first marshaling the Verdun section with Stephen Dowd, I was looking forward to learning from the experience.

Mr. Derek Deegan, long-time Canadian Pacific employee who at that time was vice president and secretary of the corporation, was honoured as Grand Marshal. Mr. Brian O'Neill Gallery, former mayor of Westmount and descended from Sir William Hales Hingston and Dr. Donald Hingston, was Chief Reviewing Officer. The Queen and Court (Jennifer McKeogh, Patricia Greene, Colleen Scott, Catherine Hogan, and Kathryn Creeley-Gatien) were all studying either at CEGEP or in university and eager to participate in the Parade after having come out at the top of a 42 contestant Queen's Pageant (today known as Queen's Selection Evening).

At a Friday March 5th Press Conference held at Molson Breweries Parade details were announced, including a joint attempt between World of Dreams Foundation Canada and the United Irish Societies of Montreal to put the Parade into the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's largest. A panel of 31 individuals was scheduled to verify the count of floats, bands, and other motorized vehicles before signing a scroll that was to be forwarded to Guinness. <sup>1</sup>Among the panelists were Messrs. Deegan and Gallery, Hon. Bryce Mackasey PC, Mr. Sam Elkas, Mr. Peter Trent, Mr. Ron Piché, Mr. Rob Braide, Mr. Peter Dalla Riva, Mr. Andrew Fogarty, and others.

In a small article published in the Montreal Gazette on March 11th, Grand Marshal Derek Deegan is reported to have said he arranged for good weather for the 169th Parade, to be held on March 14th, after having lunch with renowned Environment Canada meteorologist Ed Cowell. <sup>2</sup> Was this said in jest?

Surely Mr. Deegan's bold prediction angered Mother Nature for, by midnight overnight between Saturday, March 13 and Sunday, March 14 (Parade Day) 28 centimeters of snow had fallen with a possible 10 to 15 more, in other words roughly 40 centimeters<sup>3</sup>

Owing to the inclement weather, the World of Dreams Foundation and the United Irish Societies fell short of their goal of getting Montreal's St. Patrick's Parade into the Guinness Book of World Records. Both local and out-of-town contingents were unable to navigate the streets to make their way to the Parade that, in the end, was comparable in size to the 1992 Parade.<sup>4</sup>

The weather was serious. In the Saturday March 13 edition of the Gazette, Director of Organization Tom Fitzgerald is quoted as having said "Believe me, it's (the Parade) going to go on... I don't want to go down as the guy who cancelled it..."<sup>5</sup>

The seriousness of the weather was recognized in Tom Fitzgerald's comments to the Gazette, published on Sunday March 14th, when he said "We've had some really bad days in the past, but nothing compared to this"<sup>6</sup>

My recollection of the hours leading up to the Parade include shoveling our pathway to the street beginning in the pre-dawn hours of the morning, because sidewalks were inaccessible, before making my way to the Chateau Champlain, parade headquarters. Our section's Parade setup was simplified by numerous cancellations. There were children and adults sitting on snow banks along St. Catherine Street after the City bent over backwards to ensure the Parade route was safe and accessible.

There isn't much that can sideline the annual Parade. After three years of having no Parade for all Montrealers, although our community enjoyed returning to our roots in 2022, it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces at the 198th St. Patrick's Parade on March 19th.

Ken Quinn, Historian

April 1, 2023

<sup>1</sup> Organizers expect St. Patrick's parade to roll into record book, Montreal Gazette, March 6, 1993, p.1

<sup>2</sup> It'll be a fine day for a parade, Montreal Gazette, March 11, 1993, p.57

<sup>3</sup> But organizers say parade will go ahead, Montreal Gazette, March 14, 1993, p.1

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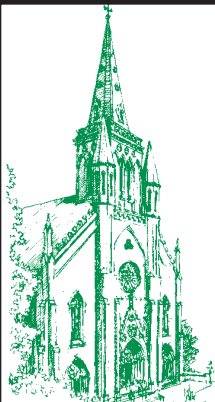
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## UIS ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE PAST YEAR...



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**Mabel Fitzgerald broke glass ceilings in the United Irish Societies for women, paving the way for future women to lead and to be honoured by the United Irish Societies of Montreal.**

Mabel Ann Denis was born in Griffintown to Stanley Denis and Nellie Campbell and baptized in St. Ann's Church. <sup>1</sup> She married Patrick Fitzgerald, who also went on to become UIS President, and together they raised their twins Sharon and Patricia.

During a time when it was uncommon to see women on the UIS Executive, Mabel worked somewhat behind the scenes preparing financial reports for chairmen, helped Patrick with his responsibilities, and eventually joined the Executive Committee for the 1981 Parade season as the 2nd Chairperson of the Special Events (aka Christmas Draw) Committee, succeeding her late husband in time for the 1980 Christmas Season and being in the chair for two years.

In 1984, Mabel was elected to the position of Treasurer, replacing long time Treasurer Hugh McGlynn, a position she enjoyed through the 1989 season after which she supported President Patrick O'Connell as his Vice President, a position known today as Senior Vice President.

In the Spring of 1991 Mabel made history for the first time when she was elected President of the United Irish Societies of Montreal, the first woman to be so elected in the then almost 65 years of the organization's existence.

Post presidency, Mabel served as Finance Committee chairperson from Spring 2001 to Spring 2011

Mabel made history for a second time in October 2001 when she was selected as Chief Reviewing Officer of the 2002 Parade, opening the door for all women to be considered as parade dignitaries.

The community recognition continued on September 18, 2010, when Mabel was inducted into the Point St. Charles Hall of Recognition alongside Mike Spears, Betty Bernier, Pat Gearey, and Mary Hartmann.

On March 17, 2011 Mabel received the St. Patrick's Society's Community Award. In her brief acceptance speech she said "Being part of this community gives one the pleasure of serving and sharing the rich culture that the Irish brought to Montreal..."

Mabel received more community recognition in 2015 when she received the Simon McDonough Humanitarian Award. She definitely was one to roll up her sleeves and get the job done without fanfare, an ideal choice for the award.

It should also be noted Mabel was a long time and devoted employee at St. Patrick's Square and volunteered as a ticket convenor for the Erin Sports Association's Irishman of the Year Breakfast.

While Mabel was not the first female UIS Elected Executive member (Helen Quinn – 1946) and she was not the first female UIS Committee Chairperson (Audrey McKeown – 1978), as the first female UIS President and Chief Reviewing Officer, her name will forever be mentioned in the community in the same breath as the likes of Margaret Healy (first female Grand Marshal), Beverly Rozek (first female St. Patrick's Society member (mid 1980s) and Lynn Lonergan Doyle (first female St. Patrick's Society President (1998-2000))

Mabel and the others, by breaking through the glass ceiling, have opened the doors to our organizations to the many women (past and present) who have served, who are serving, and who will serve and be honoured in the future for their service to the community.

Mabel passed away October 28, 2022.

Ken Quinn, Historian  
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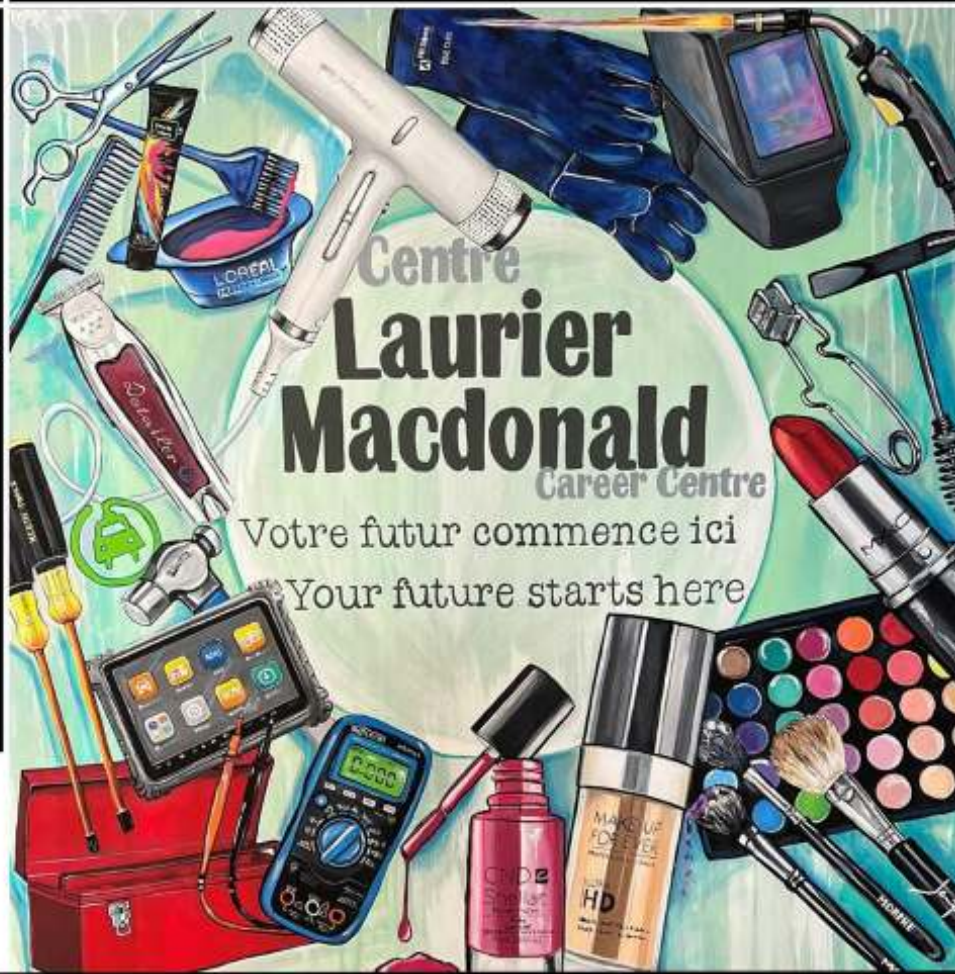




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