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Richmond Irish Heritage Festival, March 2021

The annual Richmond Irish Heritage Festival will take place in March, 2021 - the show goes on! The presentation of this year's Festival will be virtual, through a Richmond Irish Heritage Festival channel, which can be found at [richmondstpats.org](http://richmondstpats.org/) and will be accessible to everyone, wherever you live. All events are free.

The Festival will run over three dates, March 13, March 17 and March 20:

* Celebrating our Heritage, with a virtual tour of local historical sites, story-telling and Celtic music by local musicians, will premiere at 7 p.m. on **March 13**.
* The Kitchen Party 'At Home' Concert brings the celebration to your kitchen, with songs, music, dance and the traditional toast to Ireland, Canada, Quebec and our community, starting at 7 p.m. on **March 17**.
* Sharing our Heritage on **March 20** includes a workshop on baking Irish soda bread, Irish Magic story-time for little ones, the history of the harp in Ireland, a telling of the story of Maggie Murphy and her life growing up in Richmond in the 1800s, and a presentation on a historical mural that highlights the early history of the Richmond area.

Virtual St. Patrick's Day parade

While we cannot gather on the streets for the annual St. Patrick's parade this year, we invite everyone to keep alive the tradition by creating parade contributions at home and sharing your photos and videos by sending them to [richmondstpat@hotmail.com](mailto:richmondstpat@hotmail.com). Together we can create a virtual parade that everyone can enjoy safely at home until we can meet again.

Please see [richmondstpats.org](http://richmondstpats.org/) for more information in the coming weeks.

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