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## Ronan Tynan: A Tradition Continues



Photo by Walter Petruele, Patchogue Theatre, Feb. 26, 2011.

When Ronan Tynan first came to the Patchogue Theatre in 2004, the tickets were sold out of the Chamber office. His late February performance each year has kicked off Patchogue's month long St. Patrick's celebration. This year, for the 9th time, Ronan is in town on Feb. 25. The next afternoon is the Passing of the Sash ceremony for parade Grand Marshal Peter Feehan, and then the parade is on Mar. 25.

Ronan, a one time member of The Irish Tenors, is beloved not only for his magnificent voice, but also for his compelling life story. He was born in Ireland with a congenital condition that resulted in the amputation of both legs as a teenager. Fitted with artificial legs, he became a medical doctor

before changing his career to entertainer.

Those artificial legs support a very large body that is well over six feet tall, but his stage performance gives no hint of disability as he dances around and, between songs, carries on a conversation with the audience. He used to talk about the Yankees where he always sang *God Bless America* during home games. These days he may mention the Red Sox in Boston where he now makes his home.

He has many dedicated fans who come every year. Two women from Pennsylvania make it a point to get their seats each time in the center of the first row. After the show, he is always out in the lobby to sign autographs for a long line, a task that he does not rush and he is often still chatting toward midnight when theatre security wants to go home.

We don't know when, but at some point this tradition is bound to end. If you haven't had a chance to see the show before, or even if you have, make it a point to come this year. You won't be disappointed.

## Save These Dates

**Friday, February 10**—Mardi Gras Party! Hosted by Brookhaven Great South Bay Lions, Sunset Harbor, 90 Colonial Drive, East Patchogue, 7:00 p.m., Donation: \$60 per person, Toni: 654-3790 (evenings) or Jo-Ann: 750-3334 (evenings), liontonig@yahoo.com or twojoes2@gmail.com.

**Saturday, February 11**—Beauty and the Beast, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m., \$14 - \$20, www.patchoguetheatre.com.

**Sunday, February 12**—Kenneth Meyer, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 3:00 p.m., \$7 - \$25, www.patchoguetheatre.com.

**Sunday, February 12**—Pilot Club of Patchogue Annual Theater Party presents "Breaking Up is Hard to Do" at Theatre Three, Port Jefferson. Reception: 1:00P.M.-2:30P.M., performance: 3:00P.M. \$30.00 per person, 631-289-2025.

**Sunday, February 12**—Sunday Concert Series: A Musical Journey with Sergei Gurbelo, Patchogue-Medford Library, 54-60 East Main Street, Patchogue, 2:00 p.m., 631-654-4700, www.pmlib.org.

**Saturday, February 18**—Mickey B presents his Golden Oldies Winter Spectacular Celebrating The Dupree's 50th Anniversary, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 7:00 p.m., www.patchoguetheatre.com or www.mickeyb.com.

**Thursday, February 23**—Live in the Lobby Presentation, TBA, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 7:30 p.m., \$10, www.patchoguetheatre.com.

**Friday, February 24**—Patchogue Jam 5 featuring The Electrix, Miles to Dayton, Jay Scott Band and Katie Pearlman Band, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 7:30 p.m., \$18 includes a drink at the bar, www.patchoguetheatre.com.

**Friday, February 24**—Sunday, March 11-Painting Churches by Tina Howe, Clare Rose Playhouse, St. Joseph's College, 155 West Roe Blvd, Fridays and Saturdays- 8:00 p.m., Sundays- 3:00 p.m., Tickets \$15; \$12 students and seniors, to purchase tickets 654-0199, www.sjcnj.edu/clarerose.

**Saturday, February 25**—Ronan Tynan, produced by the Greater Patchogue Foundation & Hibernian Festival Singers, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 8:00 p.m., Tickets \$57/\$50, www.patchoguetheatre.com.

**Saturday, February 25**—Day of Dance.com Presented by, Brookhaven Memorial Hospital, Medical Center, Spirit of Women, and Good Housekeeping in partnership with The Heart Truth. 12:00P.M. - 3:00 P.M., Sun Vet Mall 5801 Sunrise Hwy. Holbrook, NY. Free Admission with a chance to win \$50.00 gift card. 631-2900, www.brookhavenhospital.org.

**Sunday, February 26**—Passing of the Sash, Brickhouse Brewery & Restaurant, 67 West Main Street, Patchogue, 1 p.m. 2012 St. Patrick Parade Grand Marshal Peter Feehan receives the sash from last year's Grand Marshals Sheila and Bob Morrow for the parade on March 25th. Soda bread contest, live music. For info call Greater Patchogue Foundation 631-207-1000.

**Tuesday, February 28**—Chamber General Meeting, Patchogue-Medford Library, Noon, Guest Speaker from Constant Contact, 631-207-1000.

**Thursday, March 1**—Live in the Lobby: Brian Unger and Friends, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 7:30 p.m., \$10, www.patchoguetheatre.com.

**Sunday, March 4**—Sunday Concert Series: The Nancy Hirtlen School of Dance, Patchogue-Medford Library, 54-60 East Main Street, Patchogue, 2:30 p.m., for more information, call 631-654-4700, www.pmlib.org.

**Sunday, March 11**—Music On Main Street presents Artspace: The Musical, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 3:00 p.m., \$10.00, www.patchoguetheatre.com.

**Sunday, March 25**—St. Patrick Parade, Main Street, Patchogue, 2 p.m. May the Road Rise to Meet Ye 4 Miler leads the parade at 1:55 p.m. For info or to register for the parade or for the race, call Patchogue Village Parks & Recreation 631-475-4302.

**Sunday, March 25**—"Star Shine 2012" Talent Show for students grades 1-12, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 7:00 p.m., www.patchoguetheatre.com.

**Thursday, March 29**—Live in the Lobby Presentation, TBA, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 7:30 p.m., \$10, www.patchoguetheatre.com.

**Thursday, March 29**—9th Annual Patchogue Garden Club "Think Spring" Luncheon featuring Guest Speaker Jody Garrett, CMA, Mediterranean Manor, 303 East Main Street, Patchogue, Doors open at 10:30 a.m., Tickets \$35, for more information, call Georgia 631-289-0867 or Arlene 631-730-7572.

**Sunday, April 1**—Temple Beth El honors Woman of The Year, Donna Boyle, Testimonial Brunch, 45 Oak St, Patchogue, Noon, 631-475-1882.

**Sunday, April 1**—Atlantic Winds "European Favorites", Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 3:00 p.m., \$12 - \$15, www.patchoguetheatre.com.

**Thursday, April 5**—Live in the Lobby: Delights of nothing and Ghosts of Electricity, Patchogue Theatre

for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 7:30 p.m., \$10, www.patchoguetheatre.com.

**Saturday, April 14**—The Glenn Miller Orchestra, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 8:00 p.m., \$25 - \$65, www.patchoguetheatre.com.

**Sunday, April 15**—Pat Cooper, Tony B & Uncle Floyd, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 3:00 p.m., \$52 - \$62, www.patchoguetheatre.com.

**Sunday, April 15**—Sunday Concert Series: Dance: The Rhythm of the Human Spirit, Patchogue-Medford Library, 54-60 East Main Street, Patchogue, 2:30 p.m., for more information call 631-654-4700, www.pmlib.org.

**Saturday, April 21**—Honky Tonk Angels, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 8:00 p.m., \$18 - \$37, www.patchoguetheatre.com.

**Sunday, April 22**—Pinocchio, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 8:00 p.m., Tickets: Adults \$10 - \$21 Children/Seniors \$8 - \$16, www.patchoguetheatre.com.

**Friday, April 27-Sunday, May 12**—Clothes Encounters by Roger Karshner, Clare Rose Playhouse, St. Joseph's College, 155 West Roe Blvd., Fridays and Saturdays- 8:00 p.m., Sundays- 3:00 p.m., Tickets \$15; \$12 students and seniors, to purchase tickets 654-0199, www.sjcnj.edu/clarerose.

**Saturday, April 28**—World T'ai Chi & Qigong Day - Patchogue; Shorefront Park, 9AM-Noon (Rain date: Saturday, May 5). Free. 631-475-5730.

**Thursday, May 3**—Live in the Lobby: Alan Semerdjian Band and James B. Dukehouse (featuring Joe Iadanza), Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 7:30 p.m., \$10, www.patchoguetheatre.com.

**Sunday, May 6**—Sunday Concert Series featuring Homegrown String Band, Patchogue-Medford Library, 54-60 East Main Street, Patchogue, 2:30 p.m., for more information call 631-654-4700, www.pmlib.org.

**Saturday, May 12**—Melissa Manchester, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 8:00 p.m., Tickets: \$27 - \$67, www.patchoguetheatre.com.



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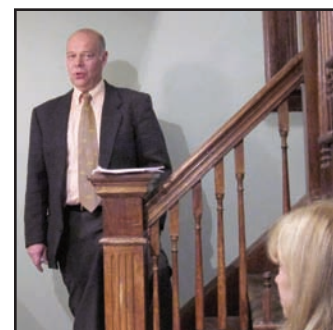
Your Executive Board and myself fully recognize that as business people in these tough economic times, most of our membership is struggling financially. So we have initiated an INCENTIVE PROGRAM that will hopefully answer the question that automatically arises in our minds: What's in it for me?

You will receive a commission for every NEW Member you sign up with the Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce: \$40 for every new Small Business member (less than 10 employees) or \$65 for every new Large Business member (more than 10 employees).

If that isn't enough, we are also offering 50% off the cost of a Banner Ad to advertise on our new website—[patchoguechamber.com](http://patchoguechamber.com) or receive a check for half of the cost of an ad when you get another Business to advertise. (Information on banner ad pricing is located at [www.patchoguechamber.com](http://www.patchoguechamber.com)).

Checks will be issued once a month, and will be sent to you after the new member or advertisement has been paid in full. This promotion will only be available for a short time—so take advantage of it TODAY!

—Mindy Skura, President



Companion Star, a non-profit that stages music-theatre productions around the world held a ribbon cutting and reception at their quarters at 178 East Main Street on Jan. 11. Executive Director Michael Douglas Jones entertained the crowd with song. Companion Star joined the Chamber in November.

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