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ST. PATRICK'S PARADE OF WASHINGTON, D.C. 2013 TROPHY AWARDS

Washington, D.C. (March 17, 2013)—All eyes were smiling with the Irish on Constitution Avenue as the 42st Annual St. Patrick's Parade stepped-off March 17th, 2013 at noon. The two and one-half hour event delighted the crowds as floats, marching bands, Irish step dancers, antique fire engines, dance groups and a wide variety of revelers took over Constitution Avenue, N.W., between 7th and 17th Streets.

Presiding over this year's parade was Admiral Mike Mullen, USN (ret) who served as the 17th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and his wife, Deborah. Colonel John Joseph "JJ" Kelly, USA (ret), selected for his service to the Irish Community, was recognized as Gael of the Year. Kevin Conmy, Deputy Chief of Mission for the Embassy of Ireland and Councilor Clare Byrne, Deputy Lord Mayor of Dublin were also on the reviewing stand to help celebrate the day. Robert A. Vogel, Superintendent of the National Mall and Memorial Parks participated.

Serving as Division Marshals this year were Katie Ledecy, Olympic Gold Medalist, Colonel Douglas Dillard, USA (ret), President of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, and Colonel William Halpin, USA (ret), Ancient Order of Hibernians.

The Parade's judges selected the following groups from among the over 130 units participating in this year's Parade for special recognition.

Best in Parade

South Lakes High School Army Junior ROTC
Reston, Virginia

Best Local Band

Washington Showstoppers Community Marching Band
Washington, D.C.

Best Visiting Band

Canyon High School Marching Band
New Braunfels, Texas

Best Band

Dominion High School Marching Titans Band
Sterling, Virginia



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Best Musical Group

William C. McGinnis Middle School Marching Band
Perth Amboy, New Jersey

Best Adult Marching Unit

Emerald Society Firefighters of Washington, D.C.

Best Marching Unit

Mass Destruction Marching Band
Baltimore, Maryland

Youth Marching Unit

Great Mills High School Parade Band
Great Mills, Maryland

Best ROTC Unit

Colonel Wesley Fox Young Marines
Chantilly, Virginia

Best Pipe Unit

District of Columbia Fire Department Emerald Society Pipes and Drums
Washington, D.C.

Best Antique Car

1903 Curved Dash Oldsmobile, owned by Bob Geier

Best Antique Fire

1969 Open Cab Crown Coach, owned by Steve Johnson

Best Dance School

Maple Academy of Irish Dance
McLean, Virginia

Best Performing Group

Fairfax County Police Department Motor Squad
Fairfax, Virginia

Best Theme

Aoibhneas an Rince Irish Dance
South Riding, Virginia



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Best Pet Unit

Chesapeake Irish Terrier Club
Leesburg, Virginia

Always A Pleasure

O'Neill Development
Chevy Chase, Maryland

Best Novelty Group

Leprechaun Donald Ryan
Manassas Park, Virginia

Marshal's Award - Enthusiasm

The McCarthy Clan
Washington, D.C.

People's Choice

Tinkus Tiataco USA
Silver Spring, Virginia

A special thanks to students from The St. John's College High School for their extreme good cheer in performing their function following the Parade's equestrian units with shovels and buckets and maintaining Constitution Avenue's pristine condition.

The Saint Patrick's Parade Committee of Washington, D.C. congratulates the winners and all of the participants in this year's Parade and also thanks all of the many and varied organizations and individuals who so freely gave of their time and effort to guarantee the success of the event.

Next year's Parade is scheduled for Sunday, March 16, 2014.

Feel free to visit our website at dcstpatsparade.com or our Facebook page for photographs of the 2013 event.