



ST. PATRICK'S PARADE COMMITTEE OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

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ST. PATRICK'S PARADE OF WASHINGTON, D.C. 2015 TROPHY AWARDS

Washington, D.C. (March 16, 2015)— The 44th Annual St. Patrick's Parade which kicked off on Sunday, March 15 at noon, delighted the crowds as floats, marching bands, Irish step dancers, antique fire engines, dance groups and a wide variety of revelers celebrating Irish heritage and culture took over Constitution Avenue, N.W., between 7th and 17th Streets.

Presiding over this year's parade representing the theme "Irish Heart in the Nation's Capital" were Grand Marshals John McInerney, posthumously represented by Louise Verret, and Jack O'Brien, who worked together for seven years to see to fruition the dedication of a memorial, plaza, and gate at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis in honor of Commodore John Barry, the founder of the U.S. Navy. Theresa Cullinane, selected for her outstanding service to the Irish Community, was recognized as Gael of the Year. Kevin Comny, Deputy Chief of Mission for the Embassy of Ireland and Reverend Monsignor Salvatore A. Criscuolo were also on the reviewing stand to help celebrate the day.

Serving as Division Marshals this year were PJ Fitzgerald of the Irish American Club of Washington, DC; Doug Wheeler, DC Firefighters Emerald Society; and Allison Wetterauw, 2014 Washington, D.C. Rose of Tralee.

The parade's judges selected the following groups from among the over 100 units participating in this year's parade for special recognition.

2015 Parade Trophy Winners

Best in Parade

WWII Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge

Best Local Band

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

Best Visiting Band

Randolph Macon Academy Band and Parade Unit, Front Royal, Virginia

Best Band

Auburn High School Marching Band, Auburn, Alabama



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Best Musical Group

William C. McGinnis School, Perth Amboy, New Jersey

Youth Marching Unit

Oxon Hill Young Marines, Oxon Hill, Maryland

Best ROTC Unit

South Lakes High School JROTC, Reston, Virginia

Best Marching Unit

Mary Baldwin College, Virginia Women's Institute of Leadership Corps of Cadets
Staunton, Virginia

Best Dance Group

Duffy School of Irish Dance
Gaithersburg, Maryland

Best Antique Fire

1968 Pirsch Pumper Truck, Operated by William M. FitzGerald

Best Antique Car

1957 Blue Continental Mark II
Owned by Dan Murray

Best Pet Unit

Potomac Valley Irish Wolfhound Club, Virginia

Best Novelty Group

The DC Center for the LGBT Community, Washington, DC

Marshal's Award - Enthusiasm

DC Divas Football, Washington, D.C.

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 organizations and individuals who so freely gave their time and effort to guarantee the success of the event.

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