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The Ballroom

Thursday, May 7, 1998



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On behalf of the newspaper, I would like to welcome you to the 1998 Irish Post Awards in association with Allied Irish Bank (GB). Now in their 22nd year, the awards have long celebrated the success of high-profile Irish people in the arts, sport and business. Of equal importance, they also serve to point out the enormous and often unseen contribution of those who work in grassroots organisations supporting our community in Britain.

This year we have made a new departure in keeping the identities of the award winners a closely guarded secret until tonight. I believe that this approach and the outstanding recipients that we have gathered for the awards will contribute to what should be an exciting and memorable occasion.

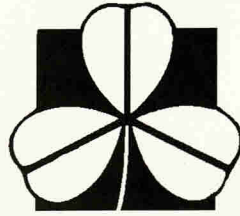
I am very grateful to His Excellency, Ted Barrington, for being with us to present the awards. In recognition of their continuing outstanding work with young Irish people in Britain, we have again chosen The Safe Start Foundation as the recipient of charitable proceeds from tonight's event.

I believe that in Allied Irish Bank (GB), we have the ideal sponsor for the event, reflecting their position in the Irish community in Britain and the fact that the event runs parallel with their Better Ireland Awards back home.

I would also like to thank Patrick Lennon Associates for their organisation which has been, as always, perfect.

It only remains for me to wish you an enjoyable evening.

DOUGLAS BAXTER
Chief Executive
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The Foundation was formed in 1988 by a group of concerned Irish men and women wishing to meet the needs of the large number of young Irish people arriving in London at that time. The group identified a slot in the existing community care provision where a one-stop facility would be of benefit to new arrivals.

Since its inauguration, the Safe Start Foundation has assisted in excess of 20,000 clients. It is now recognised as a major player in the provision of effective support to those in need.

Service provision includes advice on, and access to, accommodation, employment and training.

The EU, central and local government, the Irish government, the Ireland Fund, the Irish Youth Foundation, numerous charities and trusts, Allied Irish Bank, Bank of Ireland, and the Irish business sector, provide funding for the project.

The organisation is looking forward to relocating back to Cricklewood in December 1998, where, in association with the Borough of Barnet and the Network Housing Association, Safe Start will manage the new Foyer Project. This is an exciting development for the Foundation, allowing all of its services to be delivered under the same roof. In addition to providing 24 bed-spaces on site, the new premises will include training facilities in computer literacy, employment-seeking and life skills.

The Foundation has been invited to become a lead agency with Employment Service and North London TEC for the government's New Deal programme.

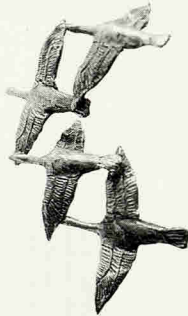
The trustees and management are aware that many of the Foundation's backers are present at tonight's function and therefore wish to offer sincere thanks for their continued support.

The Foundation would be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to become involved in its valuable and rewarding work.

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Céad Míle Fáilte

Welcome to the 1998
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Allied Irish Bank (GB) is privileged to continue its sponsorship of the Irish Post Awards which acknowledges all kinds of community endeavours throughout Britain.

We in Allied Irish have a natural role in supporting and encouraging the economic success of the Irish in Britain. We see the awards as a celebration of the vision and hard work of the many people who serve to improve the quality of life and the success of Irish heritage and culture here in Britain.

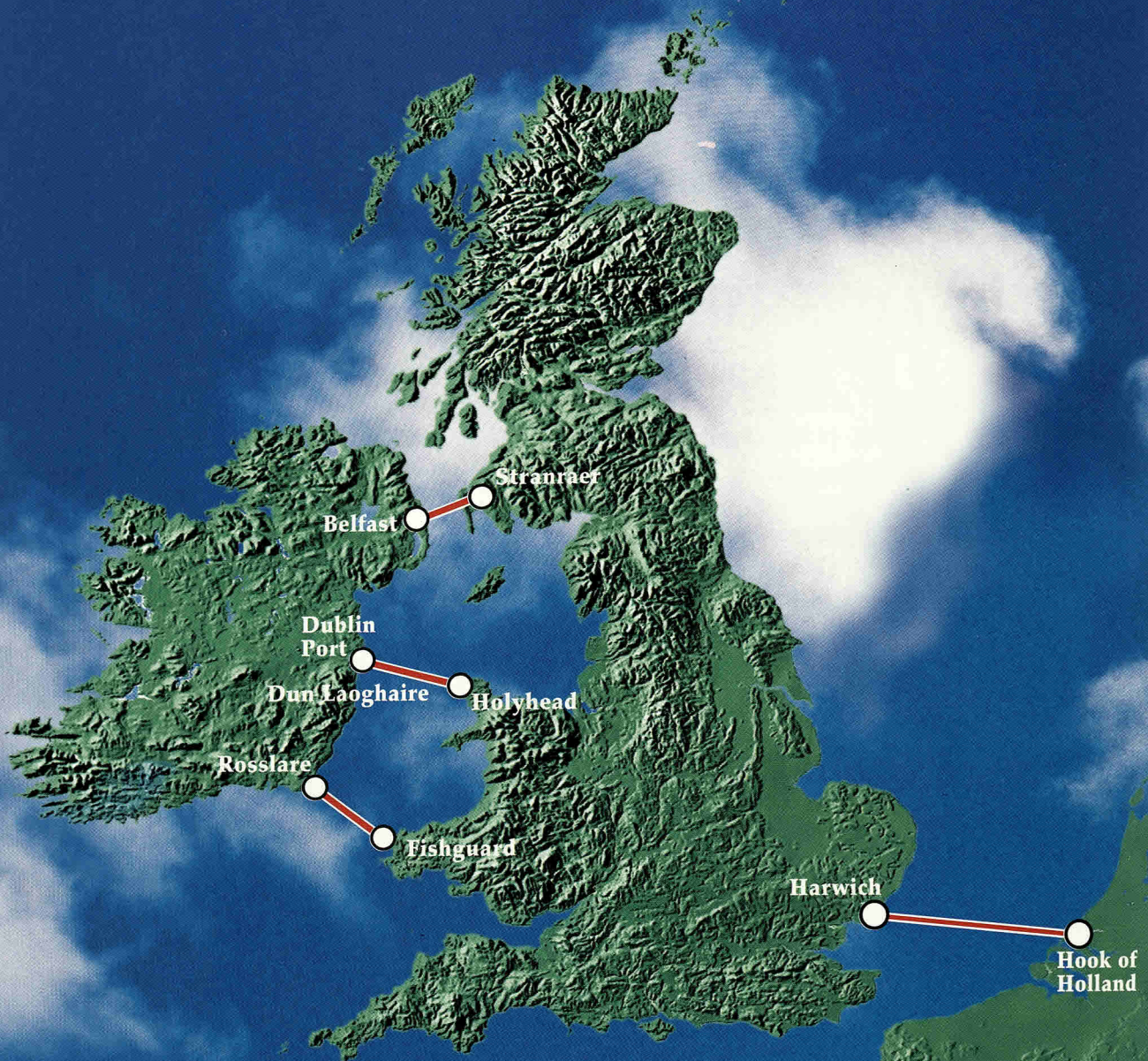
On behalf of Allied Irish Bank (GB), I would like to pay tribute to the award winners and wish them the best of luck in 1998 and beyond.

Enjoy your evening with us.

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The Irish Post Awards

A celebration of achievement

This is the twenty-second year of The Irish Post Awards. The awards were conceived in the mid-seventies. Their purpose was and remains to applaud personal achievement which redounds to the credit of the Irish community in Britain and also to highlight community service by Irish people and organisations. The awards are, of course, a means of celebration, a toast to the concept of being Irish abroad. Over the years, they have reflected the diversity of the Irish contribution to British society in so many areas of life. The success and esteem of the awards can be measured in the many distinguished figures who have agreed to accept them.

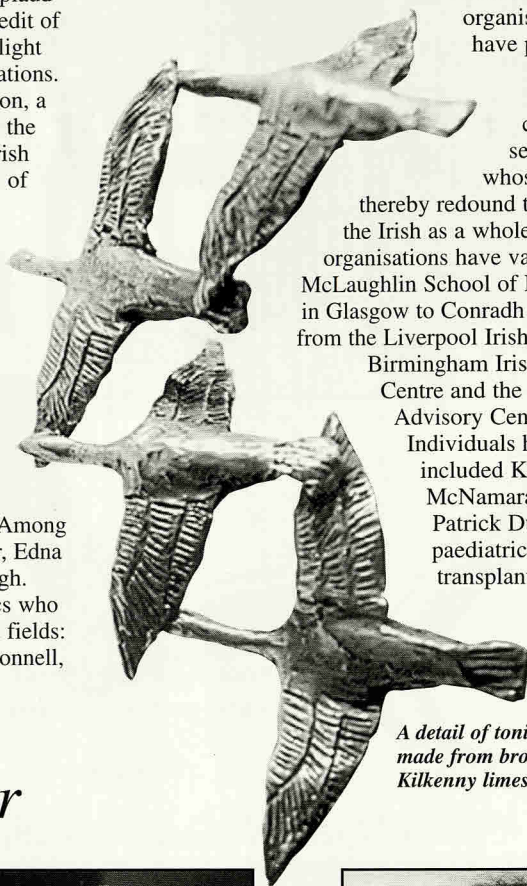
Among the famous names who have been recipients are Daniel Day-Lewis, Fiona Shaw, Kenneth Branagh, Sinead Cusack, Michael Gambon, Stephen Rea, Dame Ninette de Valois and Ralph Fiennes in the performing arts. There have been figures too from other areas of entertainment — Desmond Lynam, Terry Wogan, Bob Geldof, Mary O'Hara, Ardal O'Hanlon and the directors Declan Donnellan and Danny Boyle. Among the writers honoured have been William Trevor, Edna O'Brien, Jerry O'Neill and Donall MacAmhlaigh. Honoured too have been a number of academics who have distinguished themselves in very different fields: Professor Anthony Clare, Professor James O'Connell,

Professor Mike Cooley and Professor Roy Foster.

The majority of the awards, however, have gone to individuals and organisations who have provided highly valued community service and whose activities

thereby redound to the credit of the Irish as a whole. The organisations have varied from the McLaughlin School of Irish Dancing in Glasgow to Conradh na Gaeilge, from the Liverpool Irish Centre to the Birmingham Irish Welfare Centre and the Brent Irish Advisory Centre in London.

Individuals honoured have included Kevin McNamara MP, Sir Patrick Duffy and the paediatric liver transplant pioneer Dr. Deirdre Kelly.



A detail of tonight's awards made from bronze and Kilkenny limestone.

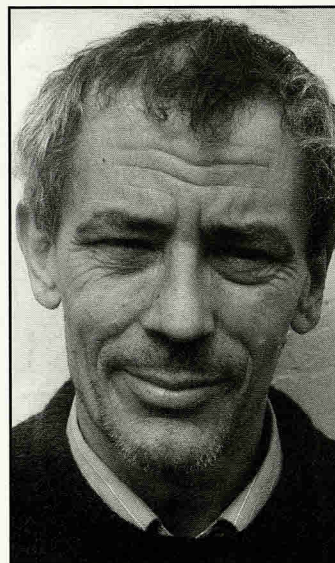
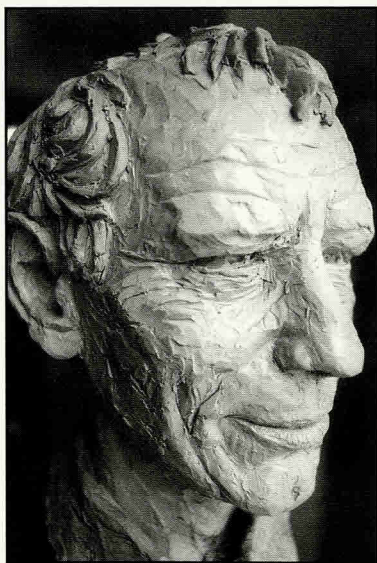
Pat Dolan, sculptor

Our awards this evening were designed by the Irish sculptor Pat Dolan, who has a studio in Kinsale and trained as a silversmith and sculptor with Franz Neuner in Barcelona. The studio boasts of two public monuments and work in the collection of three presidents, one cardinal, numerous bishops and even a pope.

The bronze awards this evening portray The Flight of The Wild Geese. After the Battle of Kinsale in 1601, the defeated Gaelic Earls of Ulster left Ireland for Continental Europe. Their departure is known as The Flight of the Wild

Geese, probably because the bill of lading and manifesto of the ships that carried them abroad declared them as wild geese so as to avoid detection. Another outflow of Irish followed the Treaty of Limerick, these were also known as Wild Geese.

Many of these emigrants excelled in their new

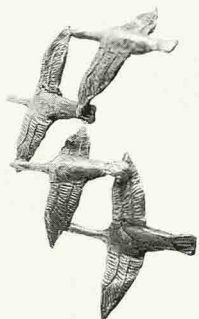


Continental lives, finding diverse careers in such as the French and Spanish armed forces and viticulture. Indeed many of the Burgundy and Bordeaux fine wines still bear names such as Lynch, McCarthy and Barton. Since their flight, the Wild Geese have emerged as symbols of the Irish diaspora.

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Menu

Carpaccio á l'italienne salade de rocquette

Thin slices of marinated fillet of beef with a light dressing, diced mozzarella and garnished with a rocquette salad



Croquant de saumon aux sauce champagne

Salmon with a mushroom stuffing wrapped in filo pastry served with a champagne sauce



Pomme persillees

Peeled new potatoes tossed in butter and sprinkled with parsley

Carrot glacees en cocotte

Turned glazed carrots



Compôte de griotines et sa charlotte sauce anglaise

Chocolate sponge with griotine cherries soaked in a kirsch syrup served with a kirsch cream sauce



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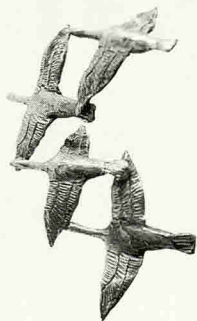
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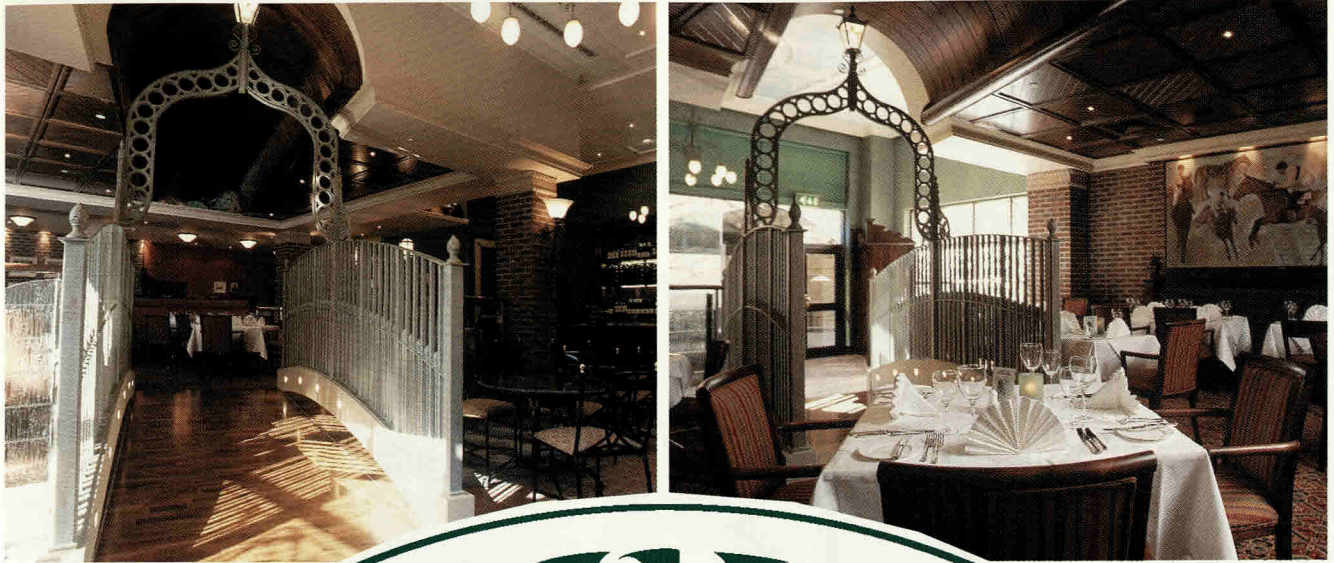
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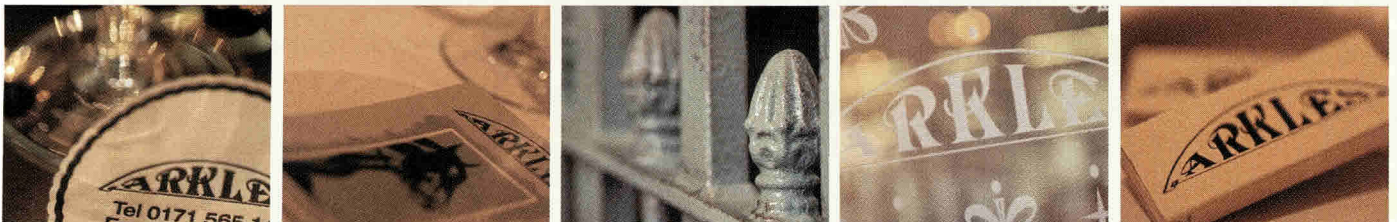
- 6.45pm *Ballroom doors open*
- 7.00pm *Reception*
- 7.45pm *Welcome by Chief Executive of The Irish Post*
- Awards ceremony*
- Remarks by H.E. the Irish Ambassador*
- 9.10pm *Dinner*
- 10.35pm *Entertainment by Sin É*
- 11.35pm *End of entertainment*
- 12.30am *End of evening*
- Carriages*



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Handmade chocolates

Ii



Ice Creams (& sorbets)

Jj



Jams (& honey)

Kk



Kippers

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Lagers (& ales)

Mm



Mushrooms

Nn



Nibbles

Oo



Ostrich

Pp



Prepared meals

Qq



Quality pork

Rr



Rashers (& black pudding)

Ss



Stout (& oysters)

Tt



Truffles

Uu



Unsalted Butter

Vv



Venison

Ww



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Xtra-large Pizza

Yy



Yoghurt

Zz



Zucchini

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At the heart of the band is Steáfán Hannigan. A virtuoso of the bodhrán and the uilleann pipes, Steáfán has been writing music since the age of eight. Much of Sin É's material consists of his compositions. Steáfán's talents are complemented by an exceptionally talented group of individuals, together making the distinctive sound that is Sin É.

The band have released two albums on Rhiannon Records, 'Sin É' and the more recent 'It's About Time' which have both won rave reviews. They are currently preparing to record their third album while touring Britain.



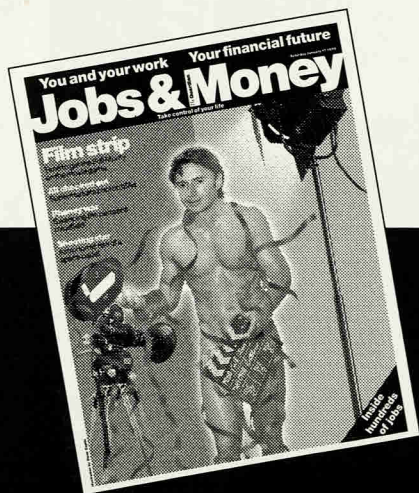
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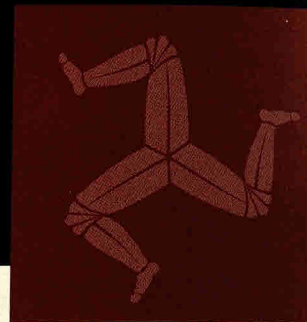
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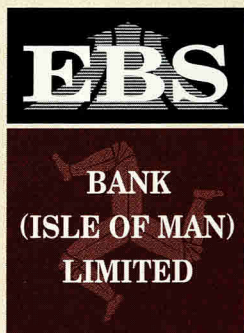
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Some of our 1997 recipients

Champion fund-raisers Eileen Wagstaff and Denis Neenan were both worthy award recipients, individually recognised for their tireless support of numerous charitable causes.



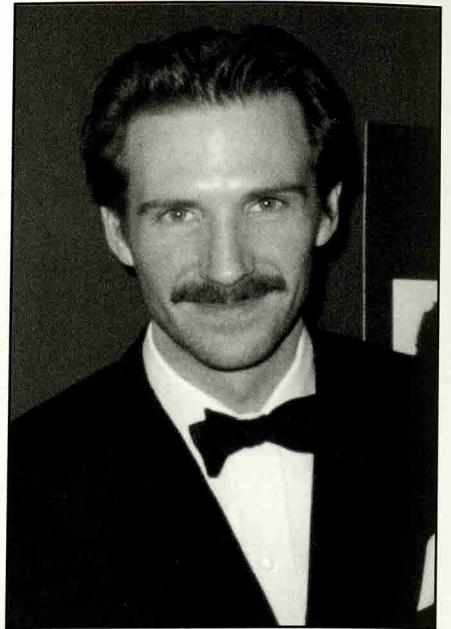
Packie Bonner and Dervla Kirwan were recognised for their outstanding contributions to sport and entertainment respectively. Dervla has become a household name through TV favourites Goodnight Sweetheart and Ballykissangel, whilst Packie was admitted to the Irish Post Sports Hall of Fame as a fitting tribute to an illustrious football career spanning 20 years.



Kilkenny man Seamus McGarry proudly displays his Irish Post Award surrounded by some of his colleagues from the Safe Start Foundation.



Boxer Steve Collins is interviewed by the host of last year's ceremony, Eamonn Holmes, as he accepts the Irish Post Sports Star of the Year Award.



*The Fiennes family, who have links with counties Dublin, Offaly and Cork, were also among the award recipients last year. Actor Ralph Fiennes, pictured here, had cause for a double celebration having just won an Oscar for his starring role in *The English Patient*.*



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