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The President and Mrs. Obama

welcome you to

The White House

for a

Celebration of Ireland

honoring

His Excellency

The Prime Minister of Ireland

and Mrs. Kenny



Friday, March 14, 2014



Performance by

## Mundy

Singer-songwriter Mundy (Edmund Enright) is originally from Birr, County Offaly in Ireland and has enjoyed a steady career since the release of his debut album in 1996. He has won various national awards in Ireland for his music and his records have produced multi-platinum sales, indicating his success among critics and the masses alike. He is well known for his song "To You I Bestow" which appeared in Baz Luhrmann's movie *Romeo and Juliet* as well as for his version of Steve Earle's "Galway Girl" – the most downloaded song in Ireland for two years running. This will be Mundy's second time to perform for both President Obama and Taoiseach Kenny. During Mundy's performance he will be accompanied by American violinist Deni Bonet.



## Menu

### COLD:

Boxty Potato Cakes  
with Bacon Crisps

Cashel Blue Cheese Toasties  
with Wild Mushroom

Irish Smoked Salmon  
on Crispy Potato Pancakes

### HOT:

Beer-battered Cod  
with Smashed Peas and Parsley Butter

Mini Shepherd's Pie  
Potato and Cabbage Soufflé  
New Potatoes stuffed with Kale

### DESSERT:

Chocolates and Macaroons

St. Pat's Éclair

Pistachio Layer Cake

Green Mini Cotton Candy



## Shamrock Ceremony

St. Patrick's Day is a time of joy and pride for Irish men and women everywhere. The presentation of the shamrock symbolizes the bond between Ireland and the United States and celebrates the contributions of generations of Irish Americans. The shamrock is presented on St. Patrick's Day, a day when Irish America is bound together by a green thread woven through the cities and into the heartland of the country.

The tradition of presenting a bowl of shamrock to the White House began with John Joseph Hearne, the Ambassador of Ireland to the United States (April 17, 1950–August 4, 1960), and has continued through successive administrations. The first presentation of a bowl of shamrock to a U.S. President took place in 1953 when President Eisenhower accepted the gift from Ambassador Hearne. The previous year, Ambassador Hearne reportedly dropped off the gift at the White House while President Truman was away.

The shamrock has traditionally been presented in an Irish cut-glass bowl symbolizing the ongoing tradition of Irish craftsmanship, skill and attention to detail. The shamrock has also been presented in a silver bowl. The first Taoiseach to present shamrock to a President was John A. Costello in 1956. The next Taoiseach was Jack Lynch in 1971, and subsequently it has been presented by the Taoiseach-in-office to the President of the United States.

