



The Museum of Newport Irish History MNIH

Second talk of our 22nd Annual Lecture Series

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The Irish Musicians of Newport

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Mark A. Stickney

Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Wyndham Newport Hotel

240 Aquidneck Avenue, Middletown, R.I. 02842

and Live-Streamed via Zoom

First- and second-generation Irish musicians played an important role in Newport's musical life from the early 1800s through the early 20th century. Many of Newport's early first-generation Irish musicians came to the city to serve at Fort Adams in peacetime and wartime. They were bandleaders and privates, passing through Newport or spending their lives in active service and retirement in Newport. The fort and the city are the final resting places of some.

The second-generation Irish musicians were organists, music teachers, orchestra leaders, and more. Some were born in Newport; others followed families or jobs here. This talk, which will include a musical interlude, will look at the diverse lives of these Irish musicians and their music as they made their mark in the City of Newport and beyond.

Dr. Mark A. Stickney was appointed the Artistic Director of the Seacoast Wind Ensemble in 2016. Throughout his 20-year college teaching career, he held conducting, music education, and brass teaching positions at the Community College of Rhode Island, Oklahoma Panhandle State University, Plymouth State University, Salve Regina University, and Southern Utah University. An active clinic and guest conductor, Dr. Stickney has traveled throughout the country, working with bands and orchestras of all levels. For almost three decades, he worked at the Newport Music Festival (now known as Newport Classical), much of that time supervising production. Dr. Stickney founded Historic Music of Newport in 2022 after decades of studying the city's rich and diverse musical history. His mission is to preserve Newport's music and tell the stories of the musicians who lived and performed in the City by the Sea. A native of Newport County, he received his BA in Music and Religion from Gettysburg College, his MA in Tuba Performance from Montclair State University (NJ), and his DMA in Wind Conducting from Rutgers University (NJ).

About Historic Music of Newport

Founded in 2022, the nonprofit is dedicated to preserving Newport, Rhode Island's rich musical history through performances and by telling the diverse stories of the musicians who lived and performed in the city. The organization presents historical performances in Newport, including a summer concert series at Touro Park, a site of band performances dating to the 19th century. This series continued in 2023. Other programming includes walking tours of the Island Cemetery and the Fort Adams Cemetery, focusing on the lives of musicians interred there. Additional events are planned for 2024.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Light hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar available before and after the lecture.

Reservations Required for In-Person & Zoom Participation

To reserve: Visit www.NewportIrishHistory.org, click "Lectures," then the appropriate link to reserve under the Oct. 16 listing (In Person or Zoom). You will receive an e-confirmation. If you do *not* see this email, check your SPAM. The talk will be videotaped and a link to view will be available later, on our website "Lectures" page.

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