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Embark on a thrilling journey to the island of Ireland in the new giant screen 3D documentary IRELAND, narrated by Liam Neeson

The stunning natural wonders and rich, cultural heritage of the Emerald Isle comes alive in this visually stunning cinematic experience, with the US Premiere at The Rangos Giant Cinema on Friday, Feb. 18.

February 10, 2022/Pittsburgh, Pa. – The Emerald Isle comes to Pittsburgh for the US Premiere on Friday, Feb. 18 of the new giant screen 3D documentary *Ireland*, narrated by Liam Neeson, at 11 am in the The Rangos Giant Cinema at Carnegie Science Center and media are invited. In addition, media are invited to virtual interviews with the Academy Award[®] nominated director Greg MacGillivray and acclaimed star Manchán Magan. The film runs through Sunday, July 31 at The Rangos. The film also will be shown in 2D daily.

Ireland, from MacGillivray Freeman Films, explores the natural wonders and rich, cultural heritage of the island of Ireland, from Trinity College Library and the world's most famous illuminated manuscript, The Book of Kells, to such spectacular natural landmarks as the giant Cliffs of Moher, the volcanic Giant's Causeway and the rugged Skellig Islands where researchers are studying local puffins. Led by Irish writer Manchán Magan, violinist Patricia Treacy and four Irish teens looking to connect with their Irish heritage, audiences will rediscover the vibrant traditions, language, and sacred customs of this ancient land.

"Ireland has long captivated the world's imagination with its rich history and picturesque landscapes, and with this film we hope to share with audiences all the wonder and cultural diversity that makes the island of Ireland so unique and special," said director **Greg MacGillivray**, "Our story intertwines Ireland's ancient past with its vibrant future, and I hope the film ignites a new appreciation for the vast, natural beauty and fascinating, cultural traditions of this magical place."

"There is a movement in Ireland to reconnect with our heritage, to rediscover what it means to be Irish, and I am delighted to help bring the joy and diversity of all that Ireland has to offer, both the old and the new, to IMAX and giant-screen audiences worldwide," said **Liam Neeson**. "As viewers experience Ireland's great beauty and humanity on the world's largest screens, they will fall in love all over again."

"We are proud to premiere this Emerald Isle film on Pittsburgh's largest screen to celebrate Ireland's rich, cultural heritage," said Jason Brown, Henry Buhl Jr., Director of Carnegie Science Center. "Pittsburgh holds many Irish ties – from local Irish restaurants to the City's annual St. Patrick's Day celebration – and we are honored to premiere the movie in the US."

Narrated by internationally acclaimed actor Liam Neeson, *Ireland* is a MacGillivray Freeman film presented by Tourism Ireland. The film is directed by two-time Academy Award[®] nominated filmmaker Greg MacGillivray.

For information on tickets and showtimes, please call 412.237.3400 or visit the website at CarnegieScienceCenter.org/Rangos-Giant-Cinema.org.

This film is family-friendly and has a run time of 40 minutes. For more information, please visit <u>https://irelandmovie.com/</u>.

Pittsburgh's rich melting pot of culture features many local Irish businesses from Mullaney's Harp & Fiddle to McFadden's, among others.

About The Rangos Giant Cinema

The Carnegie Science Center is one of the four Carnegie museums of Pittsburgh, inspiring individuals by connecting science and technology to everyday life. The Rangos Giant cinema, located inside the museum, holds the largest viewing screen in Pittsburgh, boasting a 70-by 38-foot Certified Giant Screen, crystal-clear 4K images, brilliant colors, and rich surround sound.

About MacGillivray Freeman Films

MacGillivray Freeman Films is the world's foremost independent producer and distributor of giant screen 70mm films with more than 45 films for IMAX and giant-screen theatres to its credit. Throughout the company's 50-year history, its films have won numerous international awards including two Academy Award[®] nominations for *The Living Sea* and *Dolphins* and three films inducted into the IMAX Hall of Fame, including *Everest*, the highest grossing giant screen film of all time. MacGillivray Freeman's films are known for their artistry and celebration of science and the natural world. It is the first documentary film company to reach the one-billion-dollar benchmark for worldwide box office. Visit https://macgillivrayfreeman.com/.

About Tourism Ireland

Tourism Ireland is the organization responsible for promoting the island of Ireland as a leading holiday destination. In 2019, we welcomed 11.3 million overseas visitors to the island of Ireland, delivering revenue of €5.9 billion. Tourism Ireland's international website is <u>www.ireland.com</u>, 33 market sites available in 30 different countries in 11 language versions around the world.

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