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## **PUBLIC ART CELEBRATION IN BACK BAY FENS**

Commissioner Christopher Cook and the Boston Parks & Recreation Department will celebrate "Tir Na Nog" - a temporary public art and public engagement featuring the work of two acclaimed internationally known artists: Caoimhghin Ó Fraithile (Ireland) and Michael Dowling (Boston-US/Ireland). The event will take place on Thursday, September 15th at 1pm in the Back Bay Fens near the Kelleher Rose Garden, 73 Park Drive, Boston.

Medicine Wheel Productions, a community based arts organization located in South Boston, is the lead organization for this project and is working in partnership with the Fenway Alliance, a non-profit membership service and advocacy organization dedicated to the prosperity and growth of the Fenway Cultural District.

These works are part of Culture Ireland's 2016 Centennial- a global initiative to mark the centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising which set Ireland on its path for independence. Boston is the only U.S. city hosting public art projects to commemorate the 1916 Centennial. The temporary public art will remain through October in the Back Bay Fens.

The short speaking program will feature: Boston Parks Commissioner Christopher Cook; the Irish Consul General, Fionnuala Quinlan; Assistant Secretary of Business Development & International Trade for the Commonwealth, Nam Pham; Boston Inspectional Services Commissioner William Christopher; and artists Caoimhghin Ó Fraithile and Michael Dowling.

For more information on this project please visit: <http://mwponline.org/wordpress/projects/tir-na-nog/>