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**8th ANNUAL IRISH AMERICAN
MOVIE HOOLEY
RE-LOCATES FOR 2022**

*When a party gets rowdy, the Irish call it a
“hooley.”*

The Houlihan family, founders, and creative spark behind Chicagoland’s Annual Irish American Movie Hooley film festival, are

taking their show directly to Irish American audiences in Oak Park and Wilmette for 2022.

Hibernian Media presents the annual Movie Hooley, which this year once again unveils a trinity of Chicago premieres of the best from Ireland and Irish American cinema. A “Call for Entries” is going out to filmmakers globally for submissions to the 2022 festival.

Hibernian Media is a small public charity, founded in 2013 by the Houlihans, dedicated to Irish and Irish American culture, “telling stories to enlighten future generations while honoring our ancestors.” They also produce a pair of Irish radio programs: the Hibernian Radio Hour dedicated to Irish First Responders, and “the Houli’s Hooley” a comedy show focusing on the life of 40-something Irish American men and the troubles, foibles, and hilarity of their lives.

Hibernian hosts an annual pilgrimage to Ireland each year with groups of their listeners and friends as they dive into the magic of Ireland today; produce their own films and TV shows available on demand and are currently in pre-production on their next documentary film IRISH COPS UNDER SIEGE.

The 8th Annual Irish American Movie Hooley will open Friday night, September 16th at 8PM, continue Saturday night September 17th at 8pm and wind up Sunday afternoon September 18th at 5:00pm at The Lake Theater in Oak Park, Illinois.

Classic Cinemas Lake Theatre is a seven-screen historic theatre that serves Oak Park, River Forest, and the surrounding near west Chicago communities. The art deco building was meticulously restored to maintain its classic look while updating it with the latest technology.

Classic Cinemas is a family-owned company that has been creating shared movie moments since 1978. We stand by the Classic Promise at all our 15 locations. In addition to our 30-minute money-back guarantee and free refills on all sizes of popcorn, soda and ICEEs, we're committed to providing guests with a two-hour vacation that is truly extraordinary and always classic.

The 8th Annual Irish American Movie Hooley film festival then picks up and takes their three film premieres to The Wilmette Theatre in Wilmette, Illinois on Friday, Sept. 23rd, Sat. Sept. 24th, and Sunday Sept. 25, 2022.

The Wilmette Theatre opened in 1913 as a single screen theatre. The building was bought by Encyclopædia Britannica Films

(EBF) in 1950, and in 1966 Richard Stern owned and operated it for 40 years. In 1989 the single screen was divided into two separate theaters- and while both currently operate as places to watch films- one side has flexible seating that includes cozy armchairs and sofas, a large stage and theatrical stage lighting. The “Living Room” plays host to live comedy, all kinds of music events, and any kind of party one can imagine! It has been noted on many occasions that the Wilmette Theatre has “the best popcorn on the north shore”!

The Movie Hooley offers audiences the unique opportunity to meet the directors and stars of all three films in person and share “the craic” with them after each screening.

Paddy’s Irish Whiskey is scheduled to join in once again as a sponsor and hold a free “whiskey raffle” after each screening.

Hooley producer Mike Houlihan says, “Once again we’re thrilled to present three distinctive stories that capture and evoke our Irish culture. We’re also very excited about joining forces with these two legendary movie houses, The Lake, and The Wilmette, as we continue to bring the finest of Irish cinema and the personalities behind each film directly to our audience.”

Hibernian Media gratefully acknowledges financial support for their previous film festivals from the Irish Consulate of Chicago’s Emigrant Support Programme and Culture Ireland as well as sponsorship of Paddy’s Irish Whiskey, Hilton Chicago, and local Irish pubs and restaurants.

For more information about the Movie Hooley, visit: <http://moviehooley.org>

