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IRISH ACTOR TO APPEAR AT ARTS ON THE LAKE
VINCENT DOWLING BRINGS "WILD ON WILDE" TO LAKE
CARMEL

The lilt of Ireland returns to Kent in "Irish Open Mouth" at the Lake Carmel Cultural Center, 640 Route 52, on Saturday, March 13, at 8 pm.

Lifetime Associate Director of Dublin's The Abbey Theatre Vincent Dowling will bring excerpts from his one-man show "Wild on Wilde" to this traditional assemblage of Irish songs, stories and history. Brought up in the same Dublin neighborhood as Oscar Wilde, Dowling's show is partly autobiographical as he becomes Wilde, one of the great playwrights and wits of the late 18th and early 19th Century. Using material from Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest", "De Profundis" and other works, Dowling's presentation has been well-received by critics in other venues.

Starting out as a Dublin actor, Vincent Dowling is now a Lifetime Associate Director of the National Theatre of Ireland (The Abbey Theatre). He most recently directed "The Rivalry" by Norman Corwin, which was hailed by New York critics in the *New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Irish Echo*.

As the Artistic Director of The Great Lakes Shakespeare Festival of Ohio from 1976-84, Dowling gave Tom Hanks his first union job. Hanks has spoken warmly of Dowling ever since, saying, "Vincent's the reason I'm an actor."

Dowling is also the recipient of five Honorary Doctorates and a published writer, poet, and playwright. His autobiography "Astride the Moon" was published in 2002.

Welcoming Dowling to Kent will be musicians and singers that Kate O'Connor Hoekstra and Neil Hickey have assembled to play and sing Irish music that includes "Rare Oul Times," "Raglan Road," "The Wild Rover" and others. "These are songs that reveal the history of Ireland," said Kate O'Connor.

Joining Hoekstra and Hickey are Putnam Valley musicians Patrick and Susi Cummings, Jan Hoekstra and Tim Pitt. Dr. Patrick Delamere of Mahopac who was instrumental in arranging the tribute last year to Kent resident and St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshall Mike Gibbons will bring his accordion and his extensive knowledge of Irish music to the engagement. Cellist Pallas Athene and her husband Michael Scott round out the instrumental ensemble.

General admission is \$10. (\$9 for Arts on the Lake members.) Tickets may be purchased via a secure website at www.artsonthelake.org. More information on this presentation (and all Arts on the Lake events) can be accessed on the same website. Reservations may be made by email to rsvp@artsonthelake.org or by phone to 845-228-2685.

Now in its third year, Arts on the Lake is also sponsoring a program of classes, a Sunday Jazz Series in March and the production of an original musical "Troll-Loll-La!" in April.