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LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS AND HERSTORY SPECIAL EVENT TO HONOR ST. BRIGID

Saturday January 21, 2023 at 11:00am EST

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians are honored to partner with Herstory for a special event in honor of St. Brigid on Saturday 21st January at 11am ET / 4pm Irish time. More information will be shared in early January.

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH) have been celebrating St. Brigid's Day for over 128 years. Along with the Celebration of St. Brigid's Day, the LAOH has a mission of promoting Irish History. During the Decade of Centennials, the LAOH focused on the Role of Women in the Easter Rising. The LAOH congratulate Herstory on the successful campaign to make St. Brigid's Day Ireland's new national holiday and highlighting women in the study of Irish History.

This event will introduce the real Brigid and why she is a role model for modern women today. Herstory Poet in Residence Laura Murphy will perform her poem <u>Is Mise Bríd</u>, Herstory board member Treacy O'Connor will lead a beautiful mediation, and Herstory Founder & CEO Melanie Lynch will share a slideshow of the spectacular Herstory light shows.

Herstory is extending an invite to artists in the Irish diaspora to participate in an <u>Open Call</u> and create art for the 2023 Herstory Light Festival. You can create an artwork that explores Brigid - woman, goddess and saint - or a modern woman who embodies her qualities: Environmentalist, Feminist, LGBTQ+ Icon, Healer, Pioneer, Human Rights Activist, Goddess of the Arts, Alchemist, and Wisdom Weaver.

Discover the real <u>Brigid</u> and explore <u>novel ideas</u> on how you can celebrate our new herstoric holiday. The Herstory program for Brigid's Day 2023 will be unveiled in early January.

"Brigid is the bridge, crossing the threshold from Goddess to Saint, Celtic to Christian, North and South, winter and spring, water and fire, masculine and feminine, ancient and modern."

Treacy O' Connor

ABOUT HERSTORY

Founded in 2016, the <u>Herstory</u> movement tells the stories of modern, historic and mythic women. Our mission is to give the public authentic female role models and a game-changing education program, inspiring countries around the world to start their own Herstory movements. Since 2017 the annual <u>Herstory Light Show</u> lights up

iconic landmarks and sacred sites in honor of women to mark Brigid's Day. In 2018, Herstory initiated and coproduced *Blazing a Trail* for the Department of Foreign Affairs – it is the first women's exhibition to tour the Irish Embassy network worldwide. In 2020, Herstory partnered with RTÉ, Underground Films, EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum and the BAI for *Herstory on RTÉ* - the first comprehensive women's storytelling platform on RTÉ - featuring a major documentary TV series, animation series, podcasts, school workshops and microsite. In 2021 we successfully spearheaded the campaign to make Brigid's Day Ireland's new public holiday.

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