

Robert McCann, Grand Marshal

2026 St. Patrick's Parade

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Robert McCann, a third-generation Irish-American, with roots in County Armagh and who was born in Pittsburgh, will lead the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade as its Grand Marshal.

His family's immigrant story - from County Armagh to coal mines in Scotland, an Atlantic crossing to America and more coal mines, this time in Pennsylvania, and on to the newspaper industry and the now lost art of typesetting, has so much in common with countless immigrant family histories and means a great deal to the newly minted Grand Marshal.

Robert McCann, who holds dual Irish and American citizenship is President of the Irish Arts Center Board of Directors and has been instrumental in promoting and preserving Irish culture in New York, particularly through his leadership of the Center's transformative growth and his role in chairing the annual Spirit of Ireland Gala.

Professionally, through his executive roles at two of the City's most influential financial institutions, McCann has helped maintain New York's position as a global financial capital. As Vice-Chairman and President of Global Wealth Management at Merrill Lynch, and later as CEO of UBS

Wealth Management Americas, he led organizations that employs thousands and contributed significantly to the City's economic vitality.

Today, as Co-Chairman of NewEdge Capital Group, Mr. McCann continues to shape the financial landscape in the New York metropolitan area while championing the vibrant Irish-American cultural community that has been an essential part of the City's character for generations.