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NEWS RELEASE

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Desmond Guinness to be grand marshal of Seattle St. Patrick's Day Parade

SEATTLE – The Right Honourable Desmond Guinness of Ireland has accepted an invitation by the Irish Heritage Club to serve as grand marshal of Seattle's 2010 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Guinness, 78, of Leixlip Castle, Ireland is a direct descendant of Guinness Brewery founder Arthur Guinness and is the founder of the Irish Georgian Society, a group dedicated to the appreciation and conservation of Ireland's architecture and decorative arts.

An expert in the preservation of historic Irish architecture and the architecture of the U.S. White House, Guinness has lectured around the world and has published nine books and numerous papers. His titles include *Great Irish Houses and Castles* (Harry N. Abrams, Inc., 1998) and *The White House: An Architectural History* (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1980).

Guinness will be in Seattle for the 39th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 13, 2010. His visit takes place during the Guinness Brewery's year-long 250th anniversary celebration.

Seattle's St. Patrick's Day Parade travels along a 1-mile Fourth Avenue route through the downtown financial and retail core from the King County Administration Building to Westlake Park. Over 70 groups, some 2,000 marchers and an estimated 20,000 spectators turn-out for the annual parade along with other Irish Week events.

About the Irish Heritage Club of Seattle

The Irish Heritage Club (www.IrishClub.org) is a non-profit, non-political, non-religious organization that organizes and promotes activities of an Irish cultural nature in the Seattle area, the State of Washington, USA. These activities include performances of Irish music, Irish dancing, Irish language, Irish history, Gaelic games, and cultural exchanges with our Sister City of Galway, Ireland. The Irish Club also sponsors concerts, plays, lectures, movies, as well as parties and other social events.

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