



## FINN McCOOL'S IRISH PUB – SANTA MONICA

### OUR HISTORY

In 1984, award-winning chef and author, Geraldine Gilliland, established her first restaurant on Main Street in Santa Monica, "Gilliland's Café". In 1991, she opened Lula Cocina Mexicana across the street and in 1993, bought Merlin McFly's (four doors down from Lula) and opened Jake & Annie's American-Irish Café.

In 2001, in honour of her late step-father, she packed up the artifacts in his Pub in Ireland and arranged for the entire bar to be painstakingly dismantled and shipped through the Panama Canal to Santa Monica. A crew of Irish craftsmen meticulously reconstructed it and on St. Patrick's Day, 2002, Jake & Annie's was reborn as Finn McCool's Irish Pub – an authentic Irish Pub right at the beach in the heart of sunny California.

The Irish Herald says, "the moment you walk through the doors of Finn McCool's Irish Pub in Santa Monica, you hear the racing clip of fresh Irish accents from [the] bar and wait staff [who are] bantering with each other as they serve an assortment of Irish fayre and beverages to satisfied customers smitten by the ambiance of genuine Irish charm".

Music plays a key role amongst the Irish and LA Magazine rated the Sunday Night Traditional Irish Music as the "Best Irish Music in Los Angeles". Known for showcasing talented professional and up-and-coming performers almost every night, Finn McCool's Irish Pub also hosts weekly Open Mic Nights.

Expanding from its roots as *a wee neighborhood pub from across the pond*, Finn McCool's Irish Pub – Santa Monica features 18 draught beers, over 200 whiskeys from all over the globe, a full bar and an impressive cocktail and wine list. Their menu runs the gamut from Traditional Irish Boxty's and Irish Potato Skins featured on [The Travel Channel's PUB PARADISE](#), to fresh salmon and home-made gravlax. They also feature an extensive [Vegetarian and Vegan Menu](#) to delight the most healthy or socially conscious palate.

The authentic Irish ambiance is enhanced by its vintage memorabilia, exquisite celtic carvings and hand painted murals depicting the legendary Irish warrior, Fionn MacCumhail. Many of the staff originally hails from Ireland, helping preserve the very essence of Ireland and making one truly feel back in the Old Country.