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Dear Members and Friends of the AITA,

The educational reformer John Dewey wrote “Art is not the possession of the few who are recognized writers, painters, musicians; it is the authentic expression of any and all individuality. In participating in a work of art, we become artists in their activity. We learn to know and honor individuality in whatever form it appears”.

Our 44th annual AITA Conference will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at the NY Irish Center, 1040 Jackson Avenue, in Long Island City, thanks to the gracious hospitality of the NYC’s Executive Director (and AITA member), Paul Finnegan. It will be a day of extraordinary exploration of the arts led by our distinguished speakers: **Mick Moloney**, internationally renowned musician, folklorist, author, arts advocate, and Global Distinguished Professor at NYU, along with **Lenwood Sloan** whose long and illustrious career includes being former Director of the National Endowment of the Arts landmark Presenting and Commissioning Program and a participant in the Emmy Award winning “Ethnic Notions, Stephen Foster; **Geoff Cobb**, educator, historian, author, and vice president of the NY Irish History Roundtable; and **Alison Armstrong**, artist, author, and professor at the School for Visual Arts. (Full bios of the speakers will be printed in our conference journal.)

Your support of our conference will help us continue our mission to promote Irish and Irish American heritage and culture. We are proud of the crucial initiatives the AITA has undertaken over the years, including the initiation of the successful lobby for the mandated teaching of the Great Irish Famine curriculum in every school in New York State. We earnestly strive to work in cooperation with the NYC United Federation of Teachers Irish American Committee, the Irish American Heritage & Culture Committee, and the NYC Department of Education Emerald Society.

Once again, we will print a souvenir journal, our single fundraising appeal of the year. Please consider a submission to send a greeting to family or friends, to commemorate a unique occasion, or to honor the memory of a loved one. If you are a member of another organization or in the business community, we hope you will use our journal to reach the special market our membership represents.

Please join us on November 9th. I’m looking forward to seeing you then!

With gratitude and best regards,

Doris Marie Meyer, AITA President

Enclosures: Conference Program; Registration & Dues Renewal; Journal Submission