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Mickey Byrne's Irish Pub & Restaurant Now Open in Downtown Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD, FL – December 9, 2008 – Traditional Irish cuisine and sports bar favorites are served in an inviting rustic atmosphere at Mickey Byrne's Irish Pub & Restaurant, the newest addition to Downtown Hollywood's eclectic inventory of international eateries.

Mickey Byrne's, named for an Irish legend in the sport of hurling, opened November 26 at 1921 Hollywood Boulevard.

Owner Mark Rowe and his business partner, Chef Karen Flynn, are natives of Ireland who know how to serve up an authentic Irish pub experience. Popular traditional dishes such as corned beef and cabbage, beef and Guinness stew, fish and chips, and shepherd's pie are complemented by American favorites that include burgers, wings, chicken wraps, steak sandwiches and salads.

Mickey Byrne's patrons can choose from a vast selection 18 beers on tap. "We have imports and American microbrews," Rowe said, "and some nice Irish whiskey as well."

Rowe has called on his background in bar management in Ireland and Australia and nightclub management in Connecticut in opening his own establishment. The décor combines elements of a classic European pub and a contemporary American sports bar, with oak wood floors and beams, black-and-white photographs of Irish sports figures and seven 50-inch television screens for watching sporting events. Live music is also offered on Friday nights.

Rowe, who relocated to Hollywood from Connecticut about a year ago, looked at many different locations in Florida before deciding to open Mickey Byrne's in Downtown Hollywood, which he called reminiscent of the Northeast or even Europe.

"I really like the ambiance. There just seems to be a vibrancy," Rowe said. "It's an up-and-coming area."

Mickey Byrne's Irish Pub & Restaurant is open daily from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Takeout service is available. For more information, call 954-921-2317.

The Hollywood Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) was created under the authority of Florida's Community Redevelopment Act of 1969. The CRA's mission is to encourage economic development through the use of tax increment financing by funding development, special projects and enhanced services that address areas of community concern. The Downtown District was established in 1979 to promote Hollywood's central business district including Historic Hollywood Boulevard, Young Circle and nearby residential neighborhoods. The Downtown District is approximately 580 acres and extends from 22nd Avenue on the west to generally 17th Avenue on the east, Johnson Street on the north and Washington Street on the south.

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