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A to Z Quick Chat 56: St. Patty's Day

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00:00:00Xochitl

Welcome to a quick chat episode where Jack and I are gonna be talking about Saint Patrick's Day, a very popular holiday.

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In the US.

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I'm gonna talk to you guys about how I celebrate Saint Patrick's Day and Jack might be able to reach back into his memories and tell us a bit about how it was for him.

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As a kid.

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And if you're interested in this topic, make sure to let us know if you have some celebrations in your country by leaving a comment down below.

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OK.

00:00:37Xochitl

What do you remember about Saint Paul's day?

00:00:41 Jack

Oh, sure to be.

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To social I'm ready for my.

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Never mind.

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Sorry I lost the thread there for a second.

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This would be.

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Terrible, hideous accent. OK, what did I do on Saint Patrick's Day? Let me see here. I'm embarrassing myself with my terrible impressions St.

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The chair.

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Patrick's Day is.

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It's it's kinda it's really popular in like Boston, right where there's a large.

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I think it's celebrated pretty commonly in the Midwest or wherever there's a large Irish settlement in the United States or historic large Irish population, he said.

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That's a good point.

00:01:30 Xochitl

That is March 17th.

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March 17th every year and.

00:01:35 Xochitl

It's a celebration of Saint Patrick, which is.

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Yes, the patron St.

00:01:41 Xochitl

of Ireland.

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Yeah, you the only myth that I know is that he chased all of the snakes out of Ireland.

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Is that?

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That sounds like a myth to me.

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I I don't know.

00:01:55 Xochitl

There's no snakes in Ireland and that is the right myth.

00:01:59 Xochitl

Keep supposedly choose all of Ireland and the color that's associated with stay is green, so you have to wear green or people pinch you that the tradition, if you're not wearing green people pinch you.

00:02:12 Jack

Oh really?

00:02:12 Xochitl

So often in school.

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When if you're not wearing green when someone says I'm going to pink you people usually say my underwear because then you can't get and you don't have to show it.

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The the tradition, I mean I.

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I find it fun.

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I find it a holiday where people use it as an excuse to get just blackout drunk on green beer.

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Yeah, that's true.

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So gross.

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Where I would say it's very strongly celebrated by Americans with Irish heritage.

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But Americans that know very, very little about their homeland of Ireland.

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Like it's the the only thing that people remember about Ireland is that.

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You get drunk on Saint Patrick's Day, yeah.

00:03:09 Xochitl

I can't.

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I think it's kind of nice though.

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I have my kid.

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You get like Shamrock, which if the listeners don't know what shamrocks are, they're Clover, Clover shaped cookies that were green.

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Had green icing on them and.

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Sometimes you get those little golden corn chocolates, like chocolates wrapped inside gold foil.

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That looks like a coin.

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Yeah, I mean, how disappointing is that?

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To get all the way to the end of a rainbow and you find a pot of gold and it's just gold wrapped chocolates.

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It's a real disappointment.

00:03:49 Xochitl

You should do that.

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I I I I kind of have respect for it because I I like keeping traditions alive.

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I think every a lot of families have for example you you come from a I would say a mixed family the where you are you spend half of your time in Mexico half of your time in the United States.

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One of your parents is American.

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One of your parents is Mexican.

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Is that correct?

00:04:18 Xochitl

Yes, that's correct.

00:04:19 Jack

OK.

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And so you when I bet when you sat down to dinner as a child, you you dishes from both cultures were served from time to time and.

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And you also are bilingual in, in, in.

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In Spanish and English, which opens you up to.

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A whole new.

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World of understanding and and culture and things like that.

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Unfortunately, I think a lot of the language has lost.

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You know, the language that the Gaelic is the.

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Native language of Ireland and I've I know I have known a lot of Irish people but I've never met one who speaks Gaelic.

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That's right.

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It seems that unfortunately I I mean I I was calling names by the English is I really understand and I'm great at history.

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So at world history, so because of that, they lost a lot of their original culture, but I think.

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Making big cousin.

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People who have Irish heritage in the US often don't have the full spectrum of with knowing about their traditions, and so we end up celebrating it in a pretty capitalistic way, which is just green decorations and green.

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Presents and decorations and and food.

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I think it's kind of neat that people who share and ancestral heritage will get together.

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I think the excessive.

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Drinking is a bit of a cliché.

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I don't think that all Irish people are Alcoholics.

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I do think that.

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There is a bar culture in Ireland, but I by no means is it somehow.

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Indicative of what the culture is at its essence either so I think it's a superficial celebration in some ways.

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And I think for the US, there is a tendency to make these like cultural celebrations into just makes you for drinking.

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So it's not like really indicative of how we view Irish culture, but it's just something that like.

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10th Group of Pretty Capitalistic Society, so we tend to turn things into some kind of commercial celebration and not using those things for older people like Cinco de Mayo is also.

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Has nothing to do with drinking and people call drink or demayo like here in the US and go out drinking as.

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Well for that.

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But it's just like, you know, just has a tendency to do that.

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It's not really how they do the culture, but it's just about our own culture.

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Right.

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Section of our own culture relief.

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And then that giant leprechaun balloon that you see, that's American.

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That's not a that's not an Irish thing, so don't.

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Don't be confused, OK?

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With that, there was something else I wanted to mention about, just like Irish culture.

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And American culture, and it just sort of slipped out of my mind.

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But I think you would do a lot of good for Americans who identify as Irish to go back to the homeland and to just spend some time there and and get a feel for what Ireland really is like.

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Cause I I've been to Dublin and I've been to.

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Northern Ireland Belfast.

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And they're lovely places.

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They really are just lovely places.

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And one of the things that I really appreciate about Irish culture is the music.

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I think their music is beautiful.

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I they're sometimes during the year I'll just be.

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I'll get into a real.

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UM.

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What am I trying to say?

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A A real desire?

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To listen to Irish music.

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I I find.

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It really, really fun and really just, I don't know, it's just it's sometimes I'm very.

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Much in the mood for it?

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You know.

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And that's that's a that's a cool thing, yeah.

00:08:56 Xochitl

If you have a similar tradition in your country or you celebrate Saint Patrick's Day in your country, or you have a patron St. or.

00:09:05 Xochitl

Religious holiday. That's very.

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When complete, chiming down below in the comments.

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OK.

00:09:11 Xochitl

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Hey, what's up in our chat or somebody's e-mail at adinthispodcast@gmail.com and share those experiences so you can read in your next check check.

00:09:24 Jack

Alright, bye bye.

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Can you dig it?

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I got many if you can.

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