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KEITH MCERLEAN RECALLS HIS BELL-RINGING YOUTH



The boys take a break on home turf: Bachelors Walk

## Bachelors talk

In which the three amigos discuss the imminent return of *Bachelors Walk*.

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DON WYCHERLEY ON THE NEW SERIES OF BACHELORS WALK

**Don Wycherley (Raymond):** In series three, the guys are a little older, a little wiser, all trying to wade through their various love lives and their careers – and still trying to find themselves. It's been a long search, but series three has the guys finding what they're about, really. I think it's a very well-written series.

**Keith McErlean (Barry):** I think it's the best of the three. Personally, Barry has finally found something he can do, which is strange. He's found a job he's actually good at – and he's taken seriously for the first time. So that's a big advancement in my character.

**Simon Delaney (Michael):** It's very much business as usual for Michael. He's going backwards. Stuck in reverse. He's not progressed in his life, I think. But there is some sense of finality about this series. Though you never know... maybe there'll be a Christmas special sometime!

## THE GUINNESS BREWERY

**JB:** My goodness! It's Guinness's!

**SD:** I've never drank Guinness either. I'm actually from Mongolia. Bacardi is my drink. Very 1970s. Very Boogie Nights.

**DW:** I used to drink Guinness.

**SD:** You used to drink Guinness? When did you stop?

**DW:** When Con Houlihan was writing for the Evening Press, I used to get the Press and a pint of Guinness. That's how old I am.

**KM:** I love Guinness. I drink it all the time. I'm the only one who drinks proper beer. And I'm not into the extra cold at all. I like it straight up, the way it used to be. Nice and hot, like a cup of tea. Nah, that extra cold stuff's horrible. You can't taste it.

## TRINITY COLLEGE

**JB:** Right lads. We're outside Trinity now. Any of you go there?

Everyone: No!

**JB:** What do you think of it?

**KEITH MCERLEAN (KM):** One of the only things the English ever did right was give us a few nice buildings.

**JB:** That's a quare Dublin accent you have, Keith.

**KM:** I'm from Donegal. Miles away. But I love Dublin. It's a great city. I'm living here seven years now. I'm loving it. Funny thing: I was at the zoo when I was ten and loved it. So I decided to go back two or three years ago. It was the most depressing day of my life. It didn't agree with me.



## Actors and Politicians

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SIMON DELANEY GIVES A BROTHERLY RESPONSE WHEN ASKED ABOUT POLITICIANS

As we neared Government Buildings, the *Bachelors Walk* boys suddenly went all serious on a subject close to their hearts: employment.

**Simon Delaney:** Well, my brother works for Bertie, so I couldn't possibly say anything against the Government. Well, I could actually. We could talk about section 481 (the Government's film subsidy), which is possibly being removed in the budget, which means that we could be out of work, along with 4,500 people who earn their living from this industry.

**Don Wycherley:** It's very worrying. Every country is taking on these tax incentives to bring in movies. I think a whole industry is going to suffer as a result of this. And it goes back into the tourist industry as a result of things like *Bally K* and *Braveheart* and all these big movies. People come over, and want to see where they were shot. I think dropping Section 481 is a mistake.

## CHRISTCHURCH AND ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRALS

**JB:** Christchurch. How about that for a building?

**SD:** I've never been in there either. They do that whole Dublinia thing there, don't they? Never been at that, either.

**KM:** I've been. It's pretty cool: the basement with all the tombs and stuff.

**JB:** We're waiting all day for a cathedral and here's two together, with Saint Patrick's just down the road. So, any bell-ringers or former choirboys present?

All: No.

**KM:** I was an altar boy. I rang a little bell. You were supposed to ring it for three seconds, but I'd to ring it for about 25 – give it a good lash. I was paid by the ring.

**SD:** I used to go out with a girl whose mother was the sacristan in Edenmore church! **G**

The *Bachelors Walk* tour was organised through *Dublin Bus*, who run their own sightseeing tours of Dublin city. Telephone 01-8734222 for details.

The *Bachelors Walk* grooming team: Tiziana Corvisieri (stylist/costume designer) Conor McAllister (chief hairdresser, on loan from *The Grafton Barber*) Margot Wilson (chief make-up artist)

## The Bachelors do the Beatles



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