

Bicycle Celtic Myth Asymmetrical - Pokerdeck

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This is the original Celtic Deck fully licensed with the Bicycle brand name for Cultúr Enterprise. Sealed with the Soisliocanach sticker and featuring unique informational cards, this deck presents two figures from early Irish mythology on each face card and the Celtic Cosmology glyph as the artwork on the cards' backs. This glyph shows the cauldron of poetic inspiration and sovereignty hearth on the Newgrange front-stone at the base of a sacred otherworldly tree.

In its four spiraled branches, each of which represents a different sacred tree and season - flowering rowan from the Spring, oak under mast for the Summer, ripened hazel for Autumn, and fruiting holly for Winter - are the three primary otherworldly birds significant to Celtic myth: ravens, eagles and swans. Around the cauldron and enfolded by its otherworldly flow are four animals, their otherworldly character indicated by their white coats and red ears and representing the different aspects of society: the wild, prophetic boar, the warrior-hound, the noble, kingly horse, and the bull of abundant wealth.

Every element of the cards' iconography is hand-drawn from medieval Irish literature and classical Celtic traditions, from the style of decoration on Eamhais' headpiece to the knot work around Lugh. The traditional suits have been transformed into the four magic items of the Tuatha Dé Danann: club, spade, diamond, and heart corresponding to the magical spear, sword, stone and cauldron that the Irish faeries brought from the magical cities of the North. This deck is one of a triad alongside the Bicycle Celtic Symmetrical Deck and the Bicycle Celtic Gaelic Deck.