

Beloved, Heartfelt Holiday Show 'Irish Christmas In America' Confirms 2019 U.S. Tour

Now in its 15th year the show will feature special guest musicians and dancers from Ireland performing a spectacular Christmas program



Captivating - **Irish Music Magazine**

Lively and reflective...a powerful evocation of the season - **Folk Wax**

Irish Christmas in America admirably refuses to pander to the lowest common denominator. By doing so, they all convey the spirit of the season with uncommon taste and integrity. - **Irish Echo**

Full of exceptional music and dance, relaxed good humor, and interesting historical commentary, "Irish Christmas in America is one of the few standouts. It was as relaxed and enjoyable as any Irish Christmas-themed concerts I've ever attended. - **Irish Echo**

Celebrating its 15th year, the hugely popular holiday show “**Irish Christmas in America**” brings a fascinating performance of music, song, dance and stories of seasonal Irish traditions. Produced by Sligo fiddler **Oisín Mac Diarmada**, the long running show features top Irish music, song and dance in an engaging performance rich in humour and boundless energy. The 2019 tour features special guest singer **Niamh Farrell**, a Sligo vocalist who has toured with UK singer/songwriting star **David Gray**. Niamh teams up with legendary West Kerry singer **Séamus Begley**, famous for his charming wit and stunning voice.

The family-friendly performance features lively instrumental tunes on fiddle, flute, uilleann pipes and harp, along with thrilling Irish old-style dancing from **Samantha Harvey**. In addition, evocative photographic images provide a backdrop to some of the rich historical traditions of Ireland. Take a memorable glimpse into the enchanting spirit of Christmas, as the finest traditional artists from Ireland, bring you on a fun-filled start to the holiday season of 2019.

Show Origins

The holiday show was first conceived in 2005 with past tours featuring such stellar guest vocalists as **Séamus & Méabh Begley**, **Teresa Horgan**, **Lumiere (Pauline Scanlon & Eilis Kennedy)**, **Karan Casey**, **Cara Dillon**, **Muireann Nic Amhlaoibh**, **Cathie Ryan** and **Michael Londra**. **Mac Diarmada** enthuses about the program as a way to bring traditional and often unknown Irish customs to the States. “One of the most heartfelt themes of Irish Christmas is emigration,” says **Mac Diarmada**. “Music was a way that people stayed close to home.”

2019 Tour - Irish Christmas in America

11/26 – Temple Theater – Des Moines, IA
11/29 – CSPA Hall – Cedar Rapids, IA
11/30 – Old Town School of Folk Music – Chicago, IL
12/1 – Milliken Auditorium Denno's Museum – Traverse City, MI
12/4 – Lake Superior State University – Sault Ste. Marie, MI 12/2 –
The Ark – Ann Arbor, MI
12/6 – Dana Center St. Anselm College – Manchester NH
12/8 – Irish Cultural Center – Canton, MA
12/9 – Sellersville Theater - Sellersville, PA
12/10 – The Ware Center – Lancaster, PA
12/11 – The Grand Opera House – Wilmington, DE
12/12 – The Jay and Linda Grunin Center for the Arts – Toms River, NJ
12/15 – Musical Instrument Museum – Phoenix, AZ
12/16 – Musical Instrument Museum – Phoenix, AZ
12/18 – California Center For the Arts – Escondido, CA
12/19 – Kuumbwa Jazz Center – Santa Cruz, CA
12/20 – The Center for the Arts – Grass Valley, CA
12/21 – The Sofia Tsakopoulos Center for the Arts – Sacramento, CA
12/22 - Garry Marshall Theater – Burbank, CA

A sparkling tradition among holiday events, Irish Christmas in America is a special show to see this season. For more information visit irishchristmasinamerica.com

For more information: Brendan Gilmartin, **Chart Room Media**
(347) 450-3048 or info@chartroommedia.com