



A CHRISTMAS CELTIC SOJOURN

WITH BRIAN O'DONOVAN

Official Title of Concert: WGBH Presents, A Christmas Celtic Sojourn with Brian O'Donovan.

Venues: Cutler Majestic Theatre at Emerson College,
Hanover Theatre, Worcester, MA
Veteran's Memorial Theatre, Providence, RI
The Music Hall, Portsmouth, NH
The Calvin Theatre, Northampton, MA

Dates: Friday, December 10th, 7:30: Hanover Theatre
Saturday, December 11th, 2PM and 7PM, The Music Hall
Sunday, December 12th, 7PM, The Calvin Theatre
Thursday, December 16th, 7:30PM, Veteran's Memorial
Friday, December 17th, 8PM, Cutler Majestic
Saturday, December 18th, 3PM and 8PM, Cutler Majestic
Sunday, December 19th, 1PM and 5PM, Cutler Majestic

Tickets: \$25 - \$75, (TV/Radio Station member discounts apply)

Tickets on Sale Through: www.wgbh.org/celtic

Tickets On-Sale: Private Sale to WGBH Members etc, August 14th through
September 17th

Public Sale, September 18th.

Now entering is 8th year of sold out houses in Boston, A Christmas Celtic Sojourn is again returning to Providence and Worcester, while adding shows in Portsmouth, NH and Northampton, MA

National broadcasts of the Christmas edition of O'Donovan's radio program, *A Celtic Sojourn* over the past 23 years have proven extraordinarily popular. Celtic Pagan and Christian traditions have a very strong link to the music of this season.

The Christmas Celtic Sojourn Concert series was first launched in 2003 and reflected the easy, relaxed and diverse offerings of the yearly national radio program.

This year's performances will feature singers **Robbie O'Connell** of Clancy Brothers fame, along with ex-**Cherish the Ladies** singer **Heidi Talbot** from Co. Kildare in Ireland now making her home in Scotland with husband fiddler, John McCusker.

Natalie Haas, the Julliard-trained and increasingly in-demand Celtic cellist, will join the group on stage as will **Hanneke Cassel** (violin), **Eamonn Murray** (percussion) and **Sean Graham** (guitar/accordion) both of the young, dynamic Northern Ireland contemporary ensemble, **Beoga**; **Chico Huff** (bass) and the exciting Harp/Fiddle duo of **Chris Stout and Caitriona McKay** steeped in the music of Shetland will add Celtic regional diversity to the mix. **Amanda Cavanaugh**, born and raised in Brookline, Massachusetts but steeped in Irish traditional fiddle style will round out the ensemble. Amanda, a student at Tufts University in Massachusetts is currently spending her semester abroad participating in the diverse musical life of the University of Limerick.

Choreographer **Kieran Jordan** has arranged for some amazing dancers as usual including, from Ireland, **Caitlin nic Gabhann** who is also an accomplished concertina player. And the charming children, championship dancers from the Harney Academy of Irish Dance in Walpole, MA will once again join the cast for what has proved one of the highlights of the show each of the past two years.

Multi-instrumentalist **Seamus Egan** of **Solas** will be back on stage and, and again in his role as music director.

And then of course, there are the surprises....

Artistically directed by ***Paula Plum***, this promises to be one of the most exciting Christmas Celtic Sojourns concerts yet.

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