

CAPA PRESENTS AN IRISH MUSIC HOLIDAY TREAT WITH
CHERISH THE LADIES’
CELTIC CHRISTMAS
FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY AT THE SOUTHERN THEATRE

“The five women who form the Celtic band delivered a thoroughly engaging performance brimming with spirit, precision, wit and soul.” – *The Washington Post*

“...it is simply impossible to imagine an audience that wouldn’t enjoy what they do.”
– *The Boston Globe*

In a career spanning more than two decades, Cherish the Ladies have grown from a one-time concert concept to an Irish traditional music sensation, literally the most successful and sought-after Irish-American group in Celtic music. With their unique spectacular blend of virtuosi instrumental talents, beautiful vocals, captivating arrangements and stunning step dancing, this powerhouse group combines all the facets of Irish traditional culture and puts it forth in an immensely humorous and entertaining package.

CAPA presents **Cherish the Ladies’ Celtic Christmas** at the **Southern Theatre** (21 E. Main St.) on **Friday, December 19**, at **8 pm**. **Tickets** are \$32 and \$27 at the Ohio Theatre Ticket Office (39 E. State St.), all Ticketmaster outlets, and www.ticketmaster.com. To purchase tickets by phone, please call (614) 431-3600 or (614) 469-0939. The Southern Theatre Ticket Office will open two hours prior to the performance. Students between the ages of 13-19 may purchase \$5 High Five tickets while available. This performance is made possible through the generous support of **Ozone Studios**.

Organized by folklorist/musician Mick Moloney and sponsored by the Ethnic Folk Arts Center and the National Endowment for the Arts, Cherish the Ladies began as a concert series featuring the brightest lights in traditional Irish music. Taking their name from a traditional Irish jig, the group initially won recognition as the first and only all-women traditional Irish band. In a relatively short time, they soon established themselves as musicians and performers without peer and have since won over fans the world over.

The past years have seen the group traveling all over North and South America, the United Kingdom, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand performing in the finest concert halls and international festivals. They are equally at home in front of a symphony orchestra, a performing

arts center, a folk festival or even the White House.

Cherish the Ladies has been named Best Musical Group of the Year by the BBC, Entertainment Group of the Year by the *Irish Voice Newspaper*, the International Group of the Year by the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, and voted the Top North American Celtic act by NPR Radio's "Thistle and Shamrock."

They have shared the stage with such noted entertainers as James Taylor, Joan Baez, Emmylou Harris, The Clancy Brothers, Tommy Makem, The Chieftains, and dozens of symphony orchestras. *Celtic Album* (1998), their collaboration with the Boston Pops Symphony, led to a 1999 Grammy nomination.

Cherish the Ladies have recorded 10 highly acclaimed albums. Their quintessential holiday album, *On Christmas Night* (2004), was released to rave reviews and chosen as one of the top Christmas albums of the year by *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Village Voice*, and many other nationally syndicated newspapers.

They have appeared on "CBS This Morning," "Good Morning America," "Evening at the Pops," C-Span, PBS, NPR (US), BBC (UK), and RTE (Ireland) radio and television. At the Summer Olympics in Atlanta (1996), Cherish the Ladies was chosen to represent Irish music and culture at the Official Cultural Olympiad.

www.cherishtheladies.com

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Owner/operator of downtown Columbus' magnificent historic theatres (Ohio Theatre, Palace Theatre, Southern Theatre) and manager of the Riffe Center Theatre Complex (Columbus) and the Shubert Theater (New Haven, CT), **CAPA** is an award-winning presenter of national and international performing arts and entertainment. For more information, visit www.capa.com.

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