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CAPA PRESENTS AN EVENING WITH GREAT BIG SEA FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY AT THE SOUTHERN THEATRE

“Absolutely engaging...Alan Doyle, Bob Hallett and Sean McCann don’t just sing these songs, they fully inhabit them.” – *USA Today*

“The Newfoundland-based group combines traditional Celtic folk elements with modern pop sensibilities to cook up a lively musical stew.” – *Northampton Republican*

“Great Big Sea makes you want to be a pirate.” – *Edmonton Sun*

Great Big Sea has been described as "Celtic rock" or even "aggressive folk," but their distinctive brand of pop was founded on the folk music tradition of the band members' native home, the island province of Newfoundland, Canada. Winners of an unprecedented 18 East Coast Music Awards, Great Big Sea comes to Columbus in support of their ninth studio recording, *Fortune's Favour*.

CAPA presents **An Evening with Great Big Sea** at the **Southern Theatre** (21 E. Main St.) on **Wednesday, September 17**, at **8 pm**. **Tickets** are \$40, \$35, and \$30 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.

Great Big Sea found their footing on the unforgiving streets, and stood their ground when others faltered. When asked about their unlikely success, founding member Bob Hallett is typically candid. “We weren’t the best musicians in town,” he says, “we just wanted it more. We were driven by a bloody-minded need to succeed and we were rewarded for our bleeding.”

The band dragged themselves out of the city’s infamous bars to release their debut album, *Up*, in the spring of 1995. Relentless touring and a raucous live show quickly propelled the record to platinum. Their next effort, *Play*, enjoyed even bigger success and the band moved its show into hockey stadiums across the nation.

The US labels took notice and Great Big Sea was subsequently signed to Sire Records by Seymour Stein (Madonna/Talking Heads) who unleashed the band on an unsuspecting American public. Accolades and a solid cult following ensued.

Born and raised in “the far east of the western world,” Great Big Sea has traversed the globe, all the while wearing their hometown on their sleeves. “Our music is of Newfoundland,” explains McCann. “It would be impossible to do what we do if we were from anywhere else. Our songs come from the sea and the cliffs and the rocks and all the other natural beauties our country provides. Without her we simply couldn’t exist.”

A remarkable 15 years into their career, the band should by this time be content to slow down and rest on their laurels. Instead, *Fortune’s Favour*, the band’s ninth studio album, sees them embracing new sounds and new ideas, pushing the boundaries of their own art and music. In their lifelong quest to marry the traditional music of Newfoundland with their own pop explorations, *Fortune’s Favour* is a new benchmark.

Alan Doyle, Sean McCann, and Bob Hallett still live, breathe, and create in Newfoundland and Labrador.

www.greatbigsea.com

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