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IRISH MUSIC PHENOMENON CELTIC WOMAN **“SONGS FROM THE HEART” TOUR**

St. Louis, MO/March 1, 2010 — KETC Channel 9 and Fox Concerts present CELTIC WOMAN “Songs from the Heart” Tour at the Fabulous Fox Theatre March 30 & 31 for 2 performances each at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for both performances are on sale now and prices are \$68, \$58, and \$48. All prices are subject to change.

The Irish music phenomenon, Celtic Woman, are touring in support of their latest CD/DVD release of the same title, *Songs from the Heart*, which debuted at #9 on the Billboard Top 200 charts and #1 on Billboard Top DVD Chart. The group is set to delight live audiences with what the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* has called a “highly polished, tightly choreographed extravaganza.”

Deemed a “phenomenon” by the *Boston Globe*, the group continues to enchant fans live - moving seamlessly between Irish classics, contemporary covers and original compositions. During the 2010 "Songs from the Heart" tour, fans have the opportunity to experience Celtic Woman's most dazzling production yet, featuring renditions of "Amazing Grace," Jimmy Webb's "The Moon's a Harsh Mistress," Andrew Lloyd Weber's "Pie Jesu," Billy Joel's "Goodnight My Angel," and Irish classics "My Lagan Love," "Galway Bay," as well as a new favorite "Níl Sé'n Lá."

On the *Songs from the Heart*, musical director David Downes beautifully captures the pure essence of Celtic Woman showcasing the celestial sounds of vocalists Lisa Kelly, Chloë Agnew, Lynn Hilary and Alex Sharpe along with the dynamic inventiveness of Celtic Violinist Máiréad Nesbitt. The CD features studio recorded versions of songs performed during their PBS TV Special “*Songs from the Heart- Live at Powerscourt House & Gardens.*” The TV special began airing Nov 28th on PBS stations around the country as part of the network’s quarterly pledge drive and has immediately yielded outstanding viewership results.

Filmed live in HD in the lush Irish country setting of the majestic Powerscourt House & Gardens, the TV special can be enjoyed on the companion live DVD - *Songs from the Heart*. Celtic Woman’s last four PBS TV specials have aired close to 14,000 times on 685 PBS stations across the country. *Songs from the Heart* marks the group’s 5th PBS TV special.

As a unique all-female ensemble, Celtic Woman continues to have mainstream success without the aid of traditional sales drivers such as radio or video airplay. No other all-female ensemble of this particular adult contemporary genre can claim 5 million albums sold, two top 10 album debuts on the Billboard Top 200, 3 gold and platinum albums, 4 Top 5 Releases on the Billboard Top Video chart and a million concert tickets sold. They have succeeded by connecting directly to fans via their Public Television specials, their frequent touring and then having those fans share the experience with friends and loved ones.

In only five years, Celtic Woman has had CDs and DVDS sales topping 4 million, played 9 U.S. tours, and performed for almost a million people. Celtic Woman recently performed at the National Christmas Tree Lighting in Washington D.C. joining entertainers like Sheryl Crow, Common, Jordin Sparks and Ray LaMontagne. As a testament to the group’s ability to cross musical and cultural boundaries, the group was invited to perform on ABC’s *Dancing With The Stars* singing for 23 million viewers while their PBS TV specials have dominated the broadcast airwaves over the past five years.

A true celebration of Ireland with an unforgettable signature style, don't miss an "evening of spectacular entertainment" (*Kalamazoo Gazette*) when Celtic Woman performs live in concert.

Tickets for CELTIC WOMAN are on sale now at the Fox Theatre box office and all MetroTix locations. To charge by phone call MetroTix at 314/534-1111 or online at www.metrotix.com. For more information, visit www.celticwoman.com.

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