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CELTIC NIGHTS...a night of Music, Song & Dance

BOERNE, TX – January 28, 2013. Following a sold-out performance by Drumline Live, Boerne Performing Arts continues to fill the Champion High School Auditorium with excitement, entertainment, and world-class performances. To close their 2013 season, a celebration of Irish song and dance will be presented on Saturday, February 23rd at 7:30pm featuring a cast of vocalists, instrumentalists and dancers direct from Ireland.



Direct from Ireland, Celtic Nights will take you on a journey filled with music and dance, laughter and sadness, and a sense of who the Irish are and who their children will grow up to be, passing the mantle of the legacy of their forefathers through music, song, dance and storytelling...with pride and passion. Drawn from the history and folklore of Ireland and her Celtic cousins, the story details The Emigrants Bridge, the great ships that sailed through raging storms to transport millions of people from lands across the globe to their new home, the United States.

This glittering production will feature some of Ireland's most accomplished artists to present a spell-binding and exhilarating picture of the proud people of Ireland and how they have conquered the world through their passion...with a song and a smile! Every thundering dance tune and plaintive melody is a separate thread in the broad and colorful tapestry of Celtic music.

The 15+ member troupe will "arrive" in Boerne as their port of entry for a two-month U.S. tour. Many of the old favorites, Danny Boy, Isle of Hope, and Galway Bay will be heard throughout the two-hour

showcase, including musical styles that have further influenced and impacted such American musical forms as Bluegrass, Country, and Appalachian. Following their performance in Boerne, the ensemble will present their second of two Texas performances in Austin at the Long Center for the Performing Arts.

As part of the Boerne Performing Arts FOR KIDS program, Celtic Nights will present a special student outreach show, during school hours, which will afford the opportunity for 1,000 local students to experience this performing arts event at no cost to the students. Hearts' Home Acoustic and Kendall County Economic Development Corporation, sponsors for this event, are partnering with Boerne Performing Arts to present world-class performing arts in Kendall County. The Kronkosky Foundation, Boerne Convention and Visitors Bureau, and The Boerne Star provide additional support for the entire season. This project is supported in part by awards from the Texas Commission on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

For a sneak preview of Celtic Nights, visit www.boerneperformingarts.com, where you can also use their online service for purchasing tickets for this and all Boerne Performing Arts events. Tickets are also available at the Greater Boerne Chamber of Commerce and the Boerne Convention & Visitors Bureau, and phone requests may be made at 830-331-9079.

Boerne Performing Arts operates autonomously under the auspices of the Hill Country Council for the Arts, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Donations made to Boerne Performing Arts are tax-deductible.