

## News Release

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### **Celtic Woman Returns with The Emerald Tour at The Hanover Theatre on May 31**

**Worcester, MA (May 16, 2014)**— Global music phenomenon CELTIC WOMAN will return to The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts in Worcester, MA on Saturday, May 31 at 7:30PM with THE EMERALD TOUR, which will encompass over 75 performances in more than 65 cities. Tickets are on sale now at [TheHanoverTheatre.org](http://TheHanoverTheatre.org), by phone at 877.571.SHOW (7469), or at The Hanover Theatre box office located at 2 Southbridge Street in downtown Worcester.

The elaborate new stage presentation will celebrate the Emerald Isles' spellbinding musical and cultural heritage and combines longtime fan favorites with new musical gems written specifically for CELTIC WOMAN, under the direction of Emmy®-nominated music producer David Downes. THE EMERALD TOUR will spotlight the angelic voices and inspiring music that have won CELTIC WOMAN the devotion of a worldwide audience.

CELTIC WOMAN is a unique ensemble that showcases the talent and charisma of four gifted young Irish women, whose dazzling performances combine the sound and sensibility of Irish traditional music with contemporary pop standards and memorable original compositions. Recently named *Billboard Magazine's* #1 World Music Artist, CELTIC WOMAN presents a one-of-a-kind concert experience that also incorporates the talents of a group of world-class musicians, the Aontas Choir, bagpipers and championship Irish dancers.

Since its inception in 2004, CELTIC WOMAN has emerged as both a spectacular commercial success and a genuine cultural phenomenon. The group's uplifting mix of timeless tradition and contemporary craft has transcended national and cultural borders to touch the hearts of a loyal international fan base, who've embraced CELTIC WOMAN'S hugely successful public television specials and made their eight CDs and seven DVDs into multi-platinum best-sellers. The multitalented ensemble has sold more than eight million copies of its releases, all of which have debuted at #1 on *Billboard's* World Music chart. As a live act, they continue to sell out concert halls around the world, having performed for nearly three million fans.

CELTIC WOMAN has won a particularly passionate audience in America, where their elaborately staged, visually stunning concert tours consistently draw sellout crowds. The group has performed twice at the White House, as well as making high-profile appearances on such American television shows as "Dancing with the Star" and the daytime drama "The Bold and the Beautiful."

CELTIC WOMAN recently completed a successful month-long tour of European concerts, encompassing performances in Germany, Austria, the Netherlands, Belgium and Switzerland. The busy group is currently preparing for its third annual holiday tour of North America, accompanied by a full symphony orchestra. The group then plans to kick off 2014 with a rare tour of Australia.

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Singing songs of love, loss, hope and inspiration, CELTIC WOMAN celebrates Ireland's centuries-old musical and cultural traditions, while taking advantage of the limitless options of state-of-the-art stage production. The result is a breathtaking musical and theatrical experience to be enjoyed by multiple generations of concertgoers.

Tickets to CELTIC WOMAN: THE EMERALD TOUR are \$45 and \$75; limited premium seating available for \$105\*. A \$6.90 discount is available on price level 1 and \$3.90 on price level 2 for groups of 10 or more. Tickets are available online at [TheHanoverTheatre.org](http://TheHanoverTheatre.org), by phone at 877.571.SHOW (7469) or at The Hanover Theatre box office located at 2 Southbridge Street in downtown Worcester.

#### **ABOUT THE HANOVER THEATRE**

The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts, located in downtown Worcester, New England's second largest city, is recognized by Pollstar as one of the top 50 theatres in the world. After undergoing many name changes and renovations over the decades since its 1926 birth, The Hanover Theatre reopened in March 2008 following a \$32 million historic restoration. Since then, the theatre has established its place as a rich entertainment and cultural venue, winning numerous awards, including The National Trust for Historic Preservation Award in 2010. Now in its sixth season, The Hanover Theatre continues to expose over 170,000 annual patrons to world-class entertainment in the form of Broadway, concerts, comedians and much more. For more information, visit [TheHanoverTheatre.org](http://TheHanoverTheatre.org). Worcester Center for the Performing Arts, a registered not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, owns and operates The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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