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## **IRISH CONCERT FEATURES WORLD-RENOWNED IRISH TENOR**

### Dr. Ronan Tynan joins the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic for an evening of Irish classics

**January 31, 2019 (Columbus, Ind.)** – Join the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic for an enchanting evening featuring beautiful ballads and toe-tapping jigs from the Emerald Isle. The concert entitled "Irish Eyes Are Smiling" will include traditional Irish folk songs such as "Molly Malone," "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," and "Will Ye Go Lassie Go."

Dr. Ronan Tynan, one of the original Three Irish Tenors, will take the stage and tug at your heartstrings with his rendition of "Danny Boy." Known for his versatile range of repertoire, Dr. Tynan joined the The Irish Tenors in 1998 and continues to tour with the group.

"Ronan Tynan is an amazing singer with an amazing life story who is literally world-renowned. And he loves to tell stories and sing the beautiful songs of his native Ireland," the Phil's music director, David Bowden said.

The always popular award-winning McGing Irish Dancers will delight with precision Irish choreography to "Lord of the Dance," "Rakes of Mallow" and "Reel Medley." It will be a visual feast!

"Watching the unique style of Irish Dancers performing lively jigs is simply spectacular!" Bowden said.

The Philharmonic musicians will shine in "Irish Washerwoman," "The Girl I Left Behind Me" and in the brilliant solo work of concertmaster, Daniel Aizenshtadt, entitled "The Last Rose of Summer."

The performance will take place at Columbus North Erne Auditorium, 1400 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus, IN 47201 on Saturday, March 2. Lobby doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. performance.



# ABOUT DR. RONAN TYNAN

Less than one year after beginning voice studies, Dr. Ronan Tynan won the John McCormack Cup for Tenor Voice and the BBC talent show Go For It, gaining international attention in 1994. Known for his unique voice and irresistible appeal, Dr. Tynan has performed for two Popes and four U.S. Presidents, including as a single soloist at the funeral of President Ronald Reagan and just this past month, at President George H. W. Bush's funeral.

Dr. Tynan is currently the Alltech Visiting Artist in Residence with the University of Kentucky Opera Theatre teaching Vocal Performance as well as Voice and Repertoire classes. According to <u>his</u> <u>website</u>, Dr. Tynan has developed a special relationship with American audiences through his performances and speaking engagements.

"America is powerful and intense, and it begs you to take it on," Tynan said. "If you do that and do it right, it will give you absolutely everything you want."

### ABOUT THE MCGING SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

The McGing School of Irish Dance based in Cincinnati, Ohio offers Irish Dance classes in a nurturing environment. Since 1977, thousands of students have discovered their passion, making the McGing Irish Dancers a household name in the city of Cincinnati.

Under the direction of its founder and artistic director Mary McGing, McGing Irish Dance classes are taught to children and adults of all ages with an emphasis on individual attention. The diverse teaching staff includes main instructors who are certified teachers and adjudicators within Coimisiun le Rinci Galeacha (CLRG), the governing body of Irish Dance.

While the <u>McGing Irish Dancers</u> have produced World Champion competitions and have toured around the country, they are most proud of their local ties to Cincinnati's hospitals, charities and schools.



### TICKET PURCHASING INFORMATION

Single tickets are available online at <u>www.thecip.org</u>, or they may be purchased by phone at 812-376-2638, x1 or in person at 315 Franklin Street in downtown Columbus. Single tickets are priced from \$10 - \$35 for students; from \$25 to \$60 for adults; and from \$20 to \$55 for seniors.

This season is sponsored by Columbus Regional Health and The Republic with additional support provided by the Allen Whitehill Clowes Foundation. The lead sponsor for this concert is Tobar, Inc. The guest artist sponsor is Johnson Ventures, Inc.

#### ABOUT COLUMBUS INDIANA PHILHARMONIC

Founded in 1987 under the auspices of Columbus Pro Musica, Inc., the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic and David Bowden have received local, state, national and international recognition, winning five ASCAP awards for Creative Programming and consistently receiving rave reviews for their performances. With a full complement of concerts and music education programs, the Philharmonic is proud to be one of the arts organizations that contribute to the rich quality of life enjoyed by residents of Columbus and South-Central Indiana.

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