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RIVERDANCE - THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY WORLD TOUR



THE INTERNATIONAL IRISH DANCE PHENOMENON TO PLAY PIKES PEAK CENTER MARCH 27-29, 2018

Tickets on sale Friday, November 24, 2017

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado – November 20, 2017 – Producer **Moya Doherty** is proud to announce that *Riverdance - The 20th Anniversary World Tour*, back by popular demand, will play a strictly limited engagement at **Pikes Peak Center** from **Tuesday**, **March 27 through Thursday**, **March 29**, **2018**. Tickets for the international Irish dance phenomenon will be on sale beginning Friday, November 24, 2017 and start at \$45.00 in price. Celebrating an extraordinary milestone for an incredible show, *The Edinburgh Evening News* in Edinburgh, Scotland, raves about *Riverdance - The 20th Anniversary World Tour*, "As for the flaws? Well, there simply aren't any. Here's to another 20 years!"

Riverdance - The 20th Anniversary World Tour is composed by **Bill Whelan**, produced by **Moya Doherty** and directed by **John McColgan**. **Riverdance - The 20th Anniversary World Tour** will feature new costumes, new lighting, new projections and the addition of a brand new number, "Anna Livia," featuring the female members of the Irish dance troupe in an a cappella, hard-shoe number.

For the complete *Riverdance - The 20th Anniversary World Tour* North American tour schedule please visit <u>www.Riverdance.com</u>.

"The success of **Riverdance** across the whole world has gone beyond our wildest dreams," said **Doherty**. "The fact that the show continues to draw and excite audiences is a tribute to every dancer, singer, musician, staff and crew member who have dedicated themselves to the show. This 20th Anniversary Tour is a thank you to our audiences and a celebration of what has been an incredible journey across two decades."

FACTS ABOUT 20 YEARS OF RIVERDANCE

- Played 11,500 performances
- Seen live by more than 25 million people in over 515 venues worldwide
- Played throughout 47 countries across 6 continents
- Travelled 750,000 miles (or 30 times around the world!)
- Played to a global television audience of 300 billion people
- Sold more than 3 million copies of the Grammy Award-winning CD
- Sold 10 million *Riverdance* videos & DVDs
- Holds the Guinness World Record for the 'Longest Riverdance Line,' which featured 1693 participants
- Since the *Riverdance* Summer School began in 2015, more than 500 Irish Dancers from 15 countries worldwide have attended the school and learned the iconic Riverdance steps

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About Riverdance:

Riverdance - The 20th Anniversary World Tour is an innovative and exciting blend of dance, music and song. Drawing on Irish traditions, the combined talents of the performers propel Irish dancing and music into the present day, capturing the imagination of audiences across all ages and cultures. **Riverdance -The 20th Anniversary World Tour** has set design by **Robert Ballagh**, lighting design by **John Comiskey**, costume design by **Joan Bergin** and sound design by **Michael O'Gorman**.

For over 20 years, nothing has carried the energy, the sensuality and the spectacle of *Riverdance*. *Riverdance* began its journey as the interval act in the 1994 Eurovision Song Contest, produced for television by **Moya Doherty**. This electrifying and innovative seven minute dance piece was then developed into a full-length stage show by Producer **Moya Doherty**, Composer **Bill Whelan** and Director **John McColgan**. With its fusion of Irish and International music and dance, the show broke all box office records during its world première run in Dublin in early 1995. When the show transferred to London, the reaction was unprecedented. There followed a hugely successful tour starting in New York in March 1996, where 8 sold-out shows at Radio City Music Hall heralded the start of 16 years of non-stop touring by *Riverdance* companies throughout North America. Since its inception, Riverdance has packed theatres throughout North America, Oceania, Asia, Europe, South Africa and South America.

For more information, please visit: Website: <u>www.Riverdance.com</u> Facebook: <u>www.Facebook.com/Riverdance</u> Twitter: @Riverdance Instagram: @Riverdance_Official Snapchat: riverdance-real

CRITICAL PRAISE FOR RIVERDANCE:

"A Riverdance to Love! Exciting! Hypnotic! Thrilling!" - THE GLOBE AND MAIL

"...this one is the original, it is full of energy and exudes a smooth professionalism." - **SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST**

"Riverdance is the No. 1 dance show of the world." - SHENZHEN DAILY

"Unmatched and unrivalled and beautiful to experience." - ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS

"A family evening unlike anything else!" - THE TIMES OF LONDON

"Delightful! Energetic! Sexy!" - TORONTO STAR

"Riverdance is as much a phenomenon as a show." - NEW YORK POST

"An Irish phenomenon." - **PARISCOPE**

"A show of superlatives." - NEUES DEUTSCHLAND

"Entertainment doesn't come much better than this." - THE IRISH EXAMINER

"One of the most entertaining shows you will ever see." - THE EVENING HERALD

"Dance does not often get so good." - THE GUARDIAN

"The phenomenon rolls on!... There will always be a *Riverdance*!" - **THE NEW YORK TIMES**

"The art of pure enchantment." - THE SUNDAY MAIL

"The show is quite simply incredible. A phenomenon of historic proportions." - **THE WASHINGTON TIMES**

"The sort of spectacle and experience that comes along once in a lifetime." - **THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER**

"Triumphant! A perfect Gem." - NEW YORK POST

"The originalthe best." - THE IRISH TIMES

"Excellence beyond compare ... majestic unshackled emotion ... the audience was teeming with passion, so much that some audience members were even dancing in the aisles." - **GUANGZHOU DAILY**