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Irish Music Ambassadors Return to the Cohan Center Jan. 18

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Celebrating 31 years of touring in North America, Irish music legends, The Chieftains, will return to the Christopher Cohan Center at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Cal Poly Arts presents the multi-Grammy-winning Celtic group, whose career spans 42 years and 41 albums. As Ireland's premier musical ambassadors, The Chieftains are the most enduring and influential creative force in establishing the worldwide appeal of Celtic music.

Six-time Grammy winners and 18-time Grammy nominees, The Chieftains maintain an international touring schedule that has brought them before millions of fans on every continent.

The Cohan Center concert will include songs from their upcoming February release, "Live In Dublin: A Tribute to Derek Bell." The album honors Bell, a member of The Chieftains for over 30 years. Bell died after recording the group's 2002 Grammy nominated album, "Down The Old Plank Road."

Special Spanish guest artists Carlos Nunez (gaita, recorder, whistle, bombard), Francisco Alvarez (mandolin) and Jorge Nunez (percussion) are also performing with The Chieftains, offering a dynamic exploration of the music of Galicia, the Celtic section of Spain.

The Chieftains' original members include Paddy Moloney (Uilleann pipes, tin whistle), Matt Molloy (flute), Sean Keane (fiddle) and Kevin Conneff (bodhran, vocals). Other performers include the notable Irish harpist Triona Marshall, the young Canadian acrobatic dancing team of brothers' Jon and Nathan Pilatzke, and Cara Butler and Donny Golden, who will command the stage with their traditional Irish dancing.

Tickets for the performance range from \$52 - \$64, with student discounts available, and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call (805) 756-2787; to order by fax: (805) 756-6088. Order on-line at www.pacslo.org. Sponsored by KCBX 90.1 FM and La Cuesta Inn. For audio and video samples of Cal Poly Arts events, visit www.calpolyarts.org.

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