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CHERISH THE LADIES RETURNS TO SHELDON FOLK SERIES IN 2019

ST. LOUIS – The Sheldon presents **Cherish the Ladies**, Friday, March 15, 2019 at 8 p.m. in the perfect acoustics of the Sheldon Concert Hall. All-female Celtic super-group Cherish the Ladies returns with their award-winning blend of virtuosic musicianship, captivating vocals and stunning step dancing. Cherish the Ladies formed in New York City in 1985 to celebrate the rise of women in what had been a male-dominated Irish music scene. The group has since toured the world, playing everywhere from the White House to the Olympics. On this tour, they will be performing music from their latest album, *Heart of the Home*.

Under the leadership of All-Ireland flute and whistle champion Joanie Madden, named by *The Irish Voice Newspaper* as one of the Top 25 most influential Irish Americans of the past quarter century, these ladies create an evening that includes a spectacular blend of virtuoso instrumental talents, beautiful vocals, captivating arrangements, and stunning step dancing. Their continued success as one of the top Celtic groups in the world is due to the ensemble's ability to take the best of Irish traditional music and dance and put it forth in an immensely entertaining show.

The *New York Times* calls their music “passionate, tender and rambunctious,” and the *Washington Post* praises their “astonishing array of virtuosity.” They’ve won recognition as the BBC’s Best Musical Group of the Year and were named Top North American Celtic Group at the Irish Music Awards. They’ve collaborated with such musicians as The Boston Pops, The Clancy Brothers, the Chieftains, Vince Gill, Nanci Griffith, Pete Seeger, Don Henley, Arlo Guthrie and Maura O’Connell, and have been featured soloists on over 250 symphony orchestra performances. Over the course of their career, they recorded 17 albums, including a live recording, *An Irish Homecoming*, which was simultaneously taped for Public Television and earned an Emmy.

Single tickets are \$40 orchestra/\$35 balcony 1/\$30 balcony 2 and are on sale now through MetroTix at 314-534-1111, through The Sheldon’s website at TheSheldon.org, or in person at The Fox Theatre Box Office, 534 N. Grand Blvd. For a VIP concert experience, All-Access tickets are available by calling 314-533-9900, ext. 14. For more information, call The Sheldon at 314-533-9900 or visit TheSheldon.org.

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