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RIVERDANCE - THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY WORLD TOUR
THE INTERNATIONAL IRISH DANCE PHENOMENON
To play Mesa Arts Center as part of North American Tour

January 12-17, 2016

Tickets on sale now

For immediate release:

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Mesa, AZ – Moya Doherty is proud to announce the international Irish dance phenomenon is back by popular demand with ***Rivendance - The 20th Anniversary World Tour***, which is celebrating an extraordinary milestone for an incredible show, as it makes stops in over 60 North American cities during the 2015/2016 season. *The Edinburgh Evening News* raves about ***Rivendance - The 20th Anniversary World Tour***, “As for the flaws? Well, there simply aren’t any. Here’s to another 20 years!”

Rivendance - The 20th Anniversary World Tour will be at Mesa Arts Center Tuesday, January 12 through Sunday, January 17. Tickets are on sale now and are available at Mesa Arts Center’s Box Office, mesaartscenter.com or by calling 480-644-6500.

Rivendance - The 20th Anniversary World Tour, composed by **Bill Whelan**, produced by **Moya Doherty** and directed by **John McColgan**, is currently celebrating a sold out, critically acclaimed run across Europe and Asia and will arrive in North America in fall 2015. To mark the eagerly awaited return of the show to North America, ending a four-year absence, ***Rivendance - 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 acapella hard-shoe number.

“The success of ***Rivendance*** across the whole world has gone beyond our wildest dreams,” said producer **Moya 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.”

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 in June of that year, the reaction was unprecedented, with the original 10 performances being increased to 151. 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.

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Mesa Arts Center, owned and operated by the City of Mesa, is a unique, architecturally stunning facility located in the heart of downtown Mesa. Arizona's largest multidisciplinary arts center is home to four theaters, five art galleries in the MCA Museum, and 14 art studios. Guests, patrons, and students come to Mesa Arts Center to enjoy the finest live entertainment, performances and festivals, world-class visual art exhibitions, and outstanding arts education classes. The Mesa Arts Center mission is to inspire people through engaging arts experiences that are diverse, accessible, and relevant. For more information, visit mesaartscenter.com.