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1 An Irish Christmas with John Doyle & Cathie Ryan at  
2 Next Stage

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6 Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music celebrate the  
7 season with an evening of traditional Irish and original holiday  
8 music by John Doyle and Cathie Ryan on Friday, Dec. 5, at 7:30  
p.m. at Next Stage.

9 “An Irish Christmas” is an evening with two of Irish  
10 music’s artists sharing their memories of festive Christmas  
11 traditions in song, story, and the pure joy of the season.

12 Doyle and Ryan are longtime friends who have shared  
13 decades of musical collaboration. They have toured as a duo  
14 throughout Europe (rarely in the U.S.), are members of the all-star  
15 ensemble The Irish Music Masters, and are featured in the PBS  
16 special *The Soul of Christmas*. They share a deep love of  
17 traditional music and continue to contribute to the tradition with  
18 their original songs.

19 Over the past four decades as an instrumentalist,  
20 composer, producer, and singer-songwriter, Doyle has established  
21 himself as a versatile and creative voice in folk and traditional  
22 Irish music.

23 In 1994, Doyle brought his innovative guitar stylings to  
24 the nascent Irish supergroup Solas. With Solas, he performed  
25 internationally to sold-out audiences and appeared on numerous  
26 television and radio programs. Since launching his solo career,  
27 Doyle has recorded two solo albums and is a sought-after  
28 accompanist and session player for artists including Joan Baez,  
29 Eileen Ivers, Tim O'Brien, Linda Thompson, Seamus Egan, Alison  
30 Brown, and Kate Rusby.

31 Ryan has been a voice in Irish music for more than 35  
32 years. She sings traditional Irish and American songs as well as  
33 crafts originals alongside them.

34 Ryan is a captivating performer, known for shows that  
35 blend intimacy, power, and a touch of Irish storytelling. She has  
36 toured internationally at performing arts centers, festivals, folk  
37 clubs, and with symphony orchestras, and has been featured on  
38 national and public television and radio worldwide.

39 Next Stage is at 15 Kimball Hill, Putney. Tickets are \$24  
40 in advance, \$28 at the door, and \$10 for access to the livestream.  
41 A beer, wine, and cocktail cash bar will be available. Advance  
42 tickets are available at [nextstagearts.org](http://nextstagearts.org) or by calling 802-387-  
43 0102.

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