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Cherish the Ladies present Celtic Christmas at the Latchis

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On Saturday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. Cherish the Ladies presents their Celtic Christmas program — a festive, family-friendly concert featuring their signature sound on classic carols such as “Angels We Have Heard on High,” “The First Noel,” and “Silent Night” at the Latchis Theatre.

Each piece is arranged to highlight their Celtic instrumentation, lush harmonies, and dazzling step dancing that has characterized their performances for four decades. This

12 tradition has inspired four albums: *On Christmas Night* (chosen
13 by the *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Boston*
14 *Globe*, and *USA Today* as one of the top Christmas Albums of the
15 year), *A Star in the East*, *Christmas in Ireland*, and *Christmas Live*
16 *from County Clare*.

17 The concert features Joanie Madden on flute, whistles,
18 and vocals; Mirella Murray on accordion; Nollaig Casey on
19 fiddle; Hannah Collins on piano; Mary Coogan on guitar; and
20 Cheryl Prashker on percussion. Joining them on lead vocals and
21 guitar are Kate Purcell, Don Stiffe, and Bruce Foley.

22 This year's lineup of stepdancers features World
23 Champion James Greenan, principal lead dancer of *Riverdance*;
24 and two-time World Champion Tyler Schwartz.

25 "Grammy-nominated Cherish the Ladies has blazed a
26 trail for women in the once male-dominated Irish music scene,"
27 said organizers in a news release.

28 Tickets for "A Celtic Christmas Celebration" range from
29 \$35 to \$55. For tickets, visit bit.ly/843-cherish.

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