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Note: **Cathie Ryan** is available for phone interviews. Contact **PaperMoon** for scheduling.

EUREKA SPRINGS, Ark. – PaperMoon Attractions is proud to present a special evening of Celtic music and warm Irish folk spirit at The **Lyric Theater in Harrison on November 10th at 7:30 PM** and again at the **Alma Performing Arts Center on November 11th at 8:00 PM**. Irish-American **Cathie Ryan takes these Arkansas stages** with her **crystalline vocals and insightful songwriting**, accompanied by world-class Celtic musicians Sara Milonovich and Greg Anderson.

Cathie Ryan is an original and distinctive voice in Celtic music. Since her **acclaimed seven year tenure as lead singer of Cherish the Ladies**, the Detroit-born Ryan has established herself as one of Celtic Music's most popular and enduring singer-songwriters. The Boston Globe wrote, "Cathie Ryan is a thrilling traditional vocalist whose honey-pure soprano is equally at home on probing original ballads about a woman's place in the modern world."

Cathie Ryan is a captivating and deeply affecting performer and in her Arkansas concerts she will be **accompanied by her band of world-renowned Celtic musicians**. "There is nothing like a live show, being with an audience, sharing the music. That is the best part of being a singer and writing songs," she says. She has **built a loyal following throughout Europe and North America** by touring steadily and singing "songs of the heart." At a live performance The Irish Echo observed, "Cathie Ryan certainly knows how to communicate with her audience. And what she **communicates through song are the enduring values of home, family, memory, and spirit...**"

Cathie Ryan has released four critically acclaimed CDs on Shanachie Records, her latest *The Farthest Wave*, and she is featured on **more than forty compilations of Celtic music**. She has been voted one of the **Top 100 Irish Americans** by Irish America Magazine, Chicago's Irish American News honored her as **Irish Female Vocalist of the Decade**, and the LA Times recently named her, "One of the leading voices in Celtic music."

In 2003 Cathie was included in the famous Irish music collection, **A Woman's Heart – A Decade On** placing her amongst Irish music's finest female vocalists and songwriters. It was the first time Americans were featured in the series and she shared the honor with **Allison Krauss, Dolly Parton and Emmylou Harris**. In recent years, her original songs have been recorded by such distinguished Irish vocalists as Frances Black and Mary Black among others. Cathie has performed on national and public television in the United States and Europe, appeared on **NPR's Mountain Stage** and **Thistle and Shamrock**, PRI's **The World**, **BBC2** in England, **Radio Scotland**, and **RTE, RnG, and TG4** in Ireland.

The Southwest Celtic Music Association in Dallas, Texas says, "Cathie Ryan is one of the finest and most entertaining performers the **North Texas Irish Festival** has ever presented...Cathie and her band so impressed our NTIF audiences in 2003, that we invited them back (by overwhelming demand) for our 2004 festival and our Celtic Christmas fundraiser. Cathie is a brilliant performer, her gift of captivating an audience is remarkable.."

Accompanying Cathie Ryan are renowned Celtic folk musicians Sara Milonovich and Greg Anderson. Sara Milonovich has played in the Cathie Ryan band since 2003. She also spent the last three years touring the US and Ireland as a member of the Celtic/bluegrass/roots band The McKrells. Her tune, Cead Caloigne Sneachta (The First Snowfall), from the McKrell's holiday album Merry Christmas, placed 6th in the 2001 Just Plain Folks Awards for best holiday song.

Sara's fiddle and voice (and flute and whistles) were also featured on their 2002 CD Hit The Ground Running. In June 2001, Sara traveled to Mt. Airy, North Carolina with John Kirk & Trish Miller, where she competed in both the Bluegrass Fiddle and Folk Song contests, placing first and second, respectively. She has been playing fiddle since the age of four and continues to actively perform around the Northeast US, both as a solo artist, and in various collaborations, working with artists such as **Leslie Ritter & Scott Petito, John Kirk & Trish Miller, and Jeff Wilkonson**, among others.

Greg Anderson is one of folk music's most respected multi-instrumentalists. He has long been a mainstay in the New York Irish music scene, and has been **the musical director of the Cathie Ryan Band for eight years**. He plays guitar, bouzouki, cittern, tenor guitar, bass, and keyboards, as well as providing backing vocals.

Greg has played with some of Irish music's best loved performers, **including James Keane, Tommy Sands, John Whelan, Susan McKeown, and Séan Tyrell**, as well as artists as diverse as The Klezmatics, Itzhak Perlman, L. Shankar, and the avant-rock group Doctor Nerve . He also co-founded the NYC Celtic-fusion band Whirligig.

He is a sought-after record producer and arranger in a wide variety of musical genres. **He co-produced James Keane's CD, "With Friends Like These", which included members of the Chieftains**, and most recently he produced the critically acclaimed Klezmatics' CD of **the Hanuka songs of Woody Guthrie entitled "Happy Joyous Hanuka"**.

Cathie Ryan, in concert with her band, promises an unforgettable musical experience. The lyrics and the voice of this Celtic woman will move your very soul!

Tickets for **The Lyric** are **\$20** and available online at **www.PaperMoonAttractions.com** or **479-363-0363**. For the **Alma PAC** tickets are **\$15 and \$20** for reserved seating, and available by calling **479-632-2129** or online at **www.AlmaPAC.org**.