

In what has turned out to be a stroke of very good luck for Plainfield, our show scheduled with Meav, the former lead singer of the HUGELY successful group, Celtic Woman, originally scheduled for the Lebanon Opera House this Saturday, has been moved to the intimate Plainfield Town Hall where she will be able to perform in front of our world-famous Maxfield Parrish stage curtains. Her Celtic and Holiday songs will share the beauty of the music and setting in a way no other show can!

With a small ensemble of Irish harp, guitar, and keyboards, along with Meav's golden, soaring voice that you may recognize from the PBS special, Celtic Woman Celtic Christmas (she's the tall blond-haired woman), this is indeed a rare opportunity for anyone. And we've got her, right here in our own back yard !

So, if you're looking for a truly unique way to capture the spirit of this holiday season, I urge you to take advantage of this amazing opportunity. The Lebanon Opera House has been most supportive of our move, and is continuing to sell our tickets through the theatre Box Office until about noon on Saturday, after-which, any tickets that remain, will be sold at the door. But act quickly, there are only about sixty tickets remaining! Below is the original press release which contains more information. Or check out Meav at [www.meav.com](http://www.meav.com)

Hope to see you at this special show. And don't forget, our next Blow-Me-Down Grange show will take place on Friday evening, January 18<sup>th</sup> with acoustic Blues artist, Guy Davis. More info to follow on that show, and how you can get tickets. Stay tuned

Cheers,

Thom Wolke

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

## **MEAV formerly of *Celtic Woman* Marks First New Hampshire Visits**

### **Irish Singing Sensation Embarks on Solo Career**

(Plainfield, NH) **Twin Cloud Concerts** will help the residents of the New Hampshire area celebrate the holiday season with an ultra-rare appearance by former *Celtic Woman* lead singer, **Meav**. With only five dates on the brief US tour, two of them will be in New Hampshire, including a date **Saturday night, December 15<sup>th</sup>** at the **Lebanon Opera House**, and **Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** at the **Palace Theatre in Manchester**. Both concerts begin at 7:30pm. Tickets may be purchased through each of the theatres box offices or websites. For the Lebanon Opera House the phone number is 603-448-0400 and their website is: [www.lebanonoperahouse.org](http://www.lebanonoperahouse.org). For the Palace Theatre the phone number is 603-448-0400 and their website is: [www.palacetheatre.org](http://www.palacetheatre.org).

Meav is best known as the tall blonde in Celtic Woman *who adds delicious wiggles to her soprano renditions of traditional tunes* (New York Times).

And now Irish singing sensation Meav will be performing and bringing her special brand of holiday cheer to literally only a handful of venues in both New York and New Hampshire this December. Singing many holiday classics as well tunes that reflect her love of traditional Irish music, Meav is sure to thrill audiences this Christmas season.

*When I was called to see if I wanted to present her at the Music Hall in Tarrytown, NY, I jumped at the chance and asked if we could get her up here to New England, said promoter Thom Wolke, former Artistic Director of the Claremont Opera House. He added, Opportunities this rare don't happen every day, and having a performer of this stature appear here in such warm, intimate*

*settings is simply unbelievable. And best of all, Meav has agreed to attend a reception for her fans for those purchasing the limited number of VIP tickets.*

A world class performer, Meav is no stranger to North American audiences. As arguably the most famous voice of the Irish ensemble *Celtic Woman* from 2004-2007, Meav performed a number of exceptional solo tracks and was featured on all of the ensemble tracks. In fact, she is the only member of Celtic Woman to be featured on all their group tracks. The CDs and DVDs have gone platinum around the world and have sold over 2 million units.. Between their self-titled debut, their Christmas CD 'A Christmas Celebration' and 'A New Journey' CD the group has held the Number 1 position on the Billboard World Music Charts for a record-breaking 95 consecutive weeks.

Her live performances have been aired over 3400 times on PBS stations across the U.S. and earned recognition for Meav worldwide. And she will be seen again this holiday season on the brand new Celtic Woman Holiday special. Her singing has been described as *coolly elegant, and her voice remarkably pure. She sang with a subtle, underlying passion.* (Los Angeles Times). Her 2006 solo album Celtic Journey debuted in the top ten in Billboard's World Music charts which prompted the recent re-release of her first solo album, Celtic Woman Presents: Meav. Additionally, Meav played the role of Erin the Goddess in Lord of the Dance (South Africa) and was honored to have received a special invitation to perform with her own band in Korea and Japan where her singing is known as healing music.

Meav has also performed with a vast array of musical artists including Elvis Costello and the Chieftains with Anna (the original Riverdance choir.) Now, with a multi-talented band of Irish musicians Meav is bringing her seasonal favorites (and the stories behind them,) to a performance that promises to be magical. This is a rare opportunity to hear her stunning live renditions of Silent Night and the timeless Danny Boy, not in an arena, but in the intimate confines of two of New England's finest small theatres. Meav is based in Ireland so catch her here while you can.

Raised in a family where every event was celebrated with music, Meav was educated through the Irish language and continued to study voice, harp and piano while completing her law degree in Trinity College, Dublin. Her passion for classical and traditional Irish music has led her to sing all over the world.

Meav's most recent solo album A Celtic Journey with EMI Manhattan debuted in the Billboard World Music top ten on its release in February. Her previous solo album Silver Sea is available worldwide through Celtic Collections and she is delighted that EMI Manhattan has also re-released her first solo album, Celtic Woman Presents: Meav.