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Celtic Music Virtuosos Natalie McMaster and Donnell Leahy to Appear at High Point Theatre

Celebrated duo promise an evening of brilliant musicianship and breathtaking entertainment.

High Point, North Carolina, January 10, 2010 – With roots that run deep into the time-honored traditions of their native Cape Breton and artistic imaginations that unceasingly seek new horizons, Natalie McMaster and Donnell Leahy explore the richness of Celtic music while expanding its possibilities. Each a celebrated fiddle virtuoso, they combine talents to conjure up a whirlwind of driving rhythms, soaring tonalities and mesmerizing step dances that takes their audience’s breath away.

The niece of famed Cape Breton fiddler Buddy McMaster, Natalie began performing at the age of nine and emerged as a major talent in her own right at 16, with the release of her first album. Over the course of her career, she has produced 10 more albums, four of which have reached “gold record” status in Canada, and two of which have climbed into the Top 20 on *Billboard’s* World Music chart. In addition, she has received “Best Female Artist of the Year” and “Best Roots/Traditional Solo Recording” honors from Canada’s East Coast Music Awards.

Leahy also hails from a musical family and took to the stage with his eight brothers and sisters to delight audiences across North America with their expert musicianship, explosive energy and intense emotion. Among the accolades accorded to this family of musicians are Juno Awards for Best New Group, Best Country Group and Best Instrumental Album, as well as the Socan award for Folk/Jazz Instrumentalist of the Year. In addition, their commercial success includes capturing the number four spot on *Billboard’s* World Music chart for their self-titled album, *Leahys*.

McMaster and Leahy married in 2005, joining forces to create one of today’s most intense and exciting world music experiences. Their foot-tapping rave-ups, heart wrenching ballads, scintillating fiddle solos and world class step dancing produce a performance that burns with passion and shimmers with intensity. Feel the heat on Friday, January 29 as this celebrated Canadian couple lights up the High Point Theatre for one night only. Tickets are \$25 orchestra, \$20 balcony, available through www.highpointtheatre.com and at the box office.

About High Point Theatre

Owned and operated by the City of High Point, the High Point Theatre is conveniently located within the International Home Furnishings Center at the corner of Commerce and Hamilton Streets in High Point. The Theatre features an elegant 965-seat auditorium with continental style seating and three exhibition galleries for meetings, display, or receptions.

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