

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### ***CELTIC MUSIC GROUP GAELIC STORM TO RAISE A RUMPUS ON LIED CENTER STAGE***

Lincoln, NE— **Gaelic Storm**, a dynamic, lively, Irish folk-pop band will get toes tapping at the Lied Center for Performing Arts on Wednesday, February 17 at 7:30 p.m. Since their big-screen debut 10 years ago, this one-time pub band's fan base has been steadily multiplying, turning them into one of the premier touring acts in the Celtic/World genre.

More than a decade has passed since **Gaelic Storm** made its appearance on the blockbuster movie *Titanic* as the lively steerage class band, but **Gaelic Storm** has continued to thrive. Officially minted on St. Patrick's Day in 1996, the former main attraction at O'Brien's pub in Santa Monica, CA is now one of the top acts in the Celtic/World music arena. Combining both classic originals and fresh new arrangements of Celtic music with a unique blend of world rhythms, the members of **Gaelic Storm** infuse the show with their own spunky Irish wit for a wildly entertaining experience. As one of their members says, "Our audiences can't help noticing how much fun we're really having. The very heart and soul of traditional Irish folk music is celebrating life."

With two national tours spent headlining both the largest Celtic festivals in the country and mainstream music events, (plus an expansion of their tour to the National Celtic Festival outside of Melbourne, Australia), **Gaelic Storm** has swept the Celtic music world with their exciting brand of energetic musicianship. Of their five very successful albums, *What's the Rumpus?* debuted at #1 on the World Billboard Charts, *Bring Your Wellies* hit #2 and their self-titled album, *Gaelic Storm* took the #5 spot.

This performance is possible in part by generous support from Lincoln Benefit Life.

Tickets for this performance are \$26 and \$21. Students at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln (as well as other participating colleges) with a valid I.D., as well as youth age 18 and younger, may purchase tickets for half price. Call the Lied Ticket Office at (402) 472-4747 or (800) 432-3231 for availability. Regular ticket office hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays. For weekday evening performances, Lied Center Ticket Office hours are from 11 a.m. until 30 minutes after show time. The Lied Center is located on the campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln at 301 North 12th Street. Tickets may also be purchased online at [www.liedcenter.org](http://www.liedcenter.org).

As part of the Lied Center's ongoing education programming, a pre-performance talk by Eric Richards, Assistant Professor of Composition/Jazz Studies from the UNL School of Music, will be held in the Lied Center's Steinhart Room. Seating is limited in the Steinhart, and the pre-talk will begin a half hour before curtain or when the room is full.

The Lied Center 20<sup>th</sup> season is supported by Friends of Lied and grants from Association of Performing Arts Presenters; National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency; Mid-America Arts Alliance; Nebraska Arts Council; New England Foundation for the Arts; and Lincoln Arts Council. All events in the Lied Center are made possible entirely or in part by the Lied Performance Fund, which has been established in memory of Ernst F. Lied and his parents, Ernst M. and Ida K. Lied.

For more information about **Gaelic Storm**, visit <http://www.gaelicstorm.com>.

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