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Get to Know the Show Events for CELTIC CROSSROADS & TAO

Celtic Crossroads
Friday, Mar. 19, 2010
12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.
Wachovia Atrium

CHARLOTTE, NC – The community is invited to learn more about two upcoming shows by attending these FREE Get to Know the Show events **The Blumenthal Performing Arts Center's Education Department will host a free "Get To Know The Show" event for CELTIC CROSSROADS on Fri., Feb. 19 at 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Wachovia Atrium.** The afternoon's program will feature the participatory activities to help you learn more about Celtic music (and stories from the past and present).

All participants at the "Get To Know The Show" event will receive a flyer for a discounted ticket to CELTIC CROSSROADS at the Knight Theater on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. Offer valid so long as tickets are available. For more information, please visit BlumenthalCenter.org/workshops.

Wachovia Atrium (301 S. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC 28202)

12:00 p.m.– Get to Know the Show program
1:00 p.m. – Get to Know the Show program

TAO
Saturday, Mar. 20, 2010
12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
ImaginOn

TAO
Wednesday, Mar. 31, 2010
12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.
Wachovia Atrium

The Blumenthal Performing Arts Center's Education Department will host two free "Get To Know The Show" events for TAO on Mon., Mar. 20 at 12:00 p.m. at ImaginOn and on Wed., Mar. 31 at 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. at the Wachovia Atrium. Japanese Taiko drummers, Yoko and Rocky Iwashima will offer a glimpse of their cultural history by providing a demonstration and participatory activities based on the traditional art of Japanese Taiko drumming. The World of Music Family Festival at ImaginOn on Sat., Mar. 20, 2010 is from 12:00PM - 3:00PM, but the Get to Know TAO will be at 12:30PM and at 2:00PM

All participants at the "Get To Know The Show" events will receive a flyer for a discounted ticket to TAO at the Knight Theater on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Offer valid so long as tickets are available. For more information, please visit BlumenthalCenter.org/workshops.

ImaginOn (300 East Seventh Street, Charlotte, NC 28202)

Saturday, March 20, 2010
12:00-3:00p.m.– The World of Music Family Festival
12:30 p.m.– Get to Know the Show program
2:00 p.m.– Get to Know the Show program

Wachovia Atrium (301 S. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC 28202)

Wednesday, March 31, 2010
12:00 p.m.– Get to Know the Show program
1:00 p.m. – Get to Know the Show program

CELTIC CROSSROADS has been critically acclaimed as one of the best live music concerts to come from Ireland in over 20 years. A group of seven highly talented multi-instrumentalists bring Irish music to an entirely new level, by creating a wonderful fusion of musical genres, such as eastern European Gypsy, North American Bluegrass, world Classical, Jazz and the various forms of Celtic music from around Europe.

TAO: Following the highly-successful and critically acclaimed sell out World Tour and No.1 box-office smash hit of the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Japan's most celebrated and elite company of martial art drummers, DRUM-TAO, will tour the US with their awe-inspiring and innovative production. The incomparable quality and pure unadulterated power and spectacle of their work perfectly blends the ancient traditions of Taiko Drumming with the innovative and flawlessly choreographed production values of contemporary Japanese excellence.

Explosive percussion and timeless rituals are complimented perfectly in this Japanese spectacular featuring unrivalled drumming and martial arts mastery that creates an unforgettable performance. The 16 young drummers beat their huge Wadaiko-Drums, which have a circumference of up six feet and weigh about 880 pounds, with outstanding precision, strength and persistency.

Tickets for CELTIC CROSSROADS and TAO are on sale now and can be purchased online at BlumenthalCenter.org, by phone at 704-372-1000 or from the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center Box Office located in the Tryon Street lobby of the Belk Theater.

ABOUT THE BLUMENTHAL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center serves the Carolinas as a leading cultural, entertainment and education provider. For more information, call (704) 372-1000 or visit BlumenthalCenter.org. The Center receives operating support from the Arts & Science Council and the North Carolina Arts Council. The Center is also supported through the generous aid of its sponsors, including U.S. Airways, Official Airline of Blumenthal Performing Arts Center; Presbyterian Hospital, the preferred healthcare provider for the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center; and Duke Energy, sponsor of the Duke Energy Broadway Lights Series.



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