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Gary Dunning, President and Executive Director  
**Presents**  
**The Chieftains 50th Anniversary Tour 2012:**  
**‘Voice of Ages’**  
**Paddy Moloney & The Chieftains**  
**with Special Guests**  
**on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**  
**at Symphony Hall**

(Boston) Celebrity Series of Boston will present **The Chieftains 50th Anniversary Tour 2012: ‘Voice of Ages’ with Paddy Moloney & The Chieftains and Special Guests** (including former member Seán Keane) on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 8pm at Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., Boston. Sponsored by Tufts Health Plan. Media partner is 89.7 WGBH.

**Tickets for The Chieftains** are \$75, \$65, \$57 and \$47, and are available online at [www.celebrityseries.org](http://www.celebrityseries.org), by calling CelebrityCharge at (617) 482-6661 Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. or at the Symphony Hall box office, 301 Massachusetts Ave., Boston.

This performance marks The Chieftain’s 24th appearance with **Celebrity Series of Boston**; their first was in 1981 and their most recent in 2008.

**The Chieftains** were formed in 1962 by Paddy Moloney, who brought together folk musicians such as fiddler Martin Fay, flautist Michael Tubridy, tin whistle virtuoso Seán Potts and bodhrán player David Fallon. Potts and Tubridy left in 1978 and were replaced by Kevin Conneff and Matt Molloy, who remain in the band today. The Chieftains are recognized for bringing traditional Irish music to the world's attention, and were officially named Ireland’s Musical Ambassadors, as they have become the standard bearers of the Irish folk music tradition. The Chieftains have been nominated for a total of 18 Grammy Awards, and are six-time winners. The group has also won an Emmy and a Genie award. In 1975 The Chieftains recorded the soundtrack to Stanley Kubrick’s *Barry Lyndon*, featuring the hit single “Women Of Ireland,” for which they won an Academy Award.

The group has performed around the world, touring China, where they were the first Western band to perform on the Great Wall, and in Roger Waters’ “The Wall” performance in Berlin in 1990. They

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became the first group to give a concert in the Capitol Building in Washington DC and performed at a memorial service in October in New York for the victims of September 11. In 1979 The Chieftains welcomed Pope John Paul II to Ireland with a performance in his honor. In 2010 the group released their latest album on The Concord Music Group, a collaboration with guitarist/producer RyCooder titled *San Patricio*. Currently, in 2012, The Chieftains are celebrating their 50th Anniversary with extensive touring in Europe and North America, culminating with a concert presented by Carnegie Hall on March 17.

Their upcoming recording will mark their 50th anniversary with the release of *Voice of Ages* on February 21, 2012 (Hear/Concord). Produced by Paddy Moloney and T Bone Burnett, the CD features The Chieftains teaming with stars from the worlds of indie-rock (Bon Iver, The Decemberists, The Low Anthem), country and Americana (The Civil Wars, Pistol Annies, Carolina Chocolate Drops, Punch Brothers), Irish and Scottish folk (Imelda May, Lisa Hannigan, Paolo Nutini) and more.

The program for this performance will be announced from the stage.

#### **About Celebrity Series of Boston**

The Celebrity Series of Boston is New England's leading presenter of music, dance and the performing arts from around the world. Now in its 73<sup>rd</sup> season, the Celebrity Series brings performances by instrumental and vocal soloists, orchestras and chamber ensembles, dance companies, jazz, folk and ethnic artists and ensembles to Boston's major concert halls. Through the Arts, Education and Community Program, the Celebrity Series reaches thousands of youngsters annually with opportunities to experience and participate in the performing arts through concerts, workshops and the award-winning AileyCamp Boston, an intensive six-week summer dance program for Boston middle school students. For more information on Celebrity Series of Boston, call (617) 482-2595 or visit us online at [www.celebrityseries.org](http://www.celebrityseries.org).

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