



# Harris Center

*Three Stages at Folsom Lake College*

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## **“A GREAT IRISH NIGHT!” *AN IRISH CHRISTMAS* RETURNS TO THE HARRIS CENTER FOR FOUR PERFORMANCES**

*As seen on PBS, a holiday journey through Ireland old and new is a beloved Folsom tradition*

(October 22, 2018, Folsom, CA) Now a rite of the season, *An Irish Christmas* is a journey through Christmas in Ireland with superb dancing, singing, and Irish traditional music, all in celebration of the international spirit of the holiday season. *An Irish Christmas* features an award-winning cast of Irish dancers led by **Caterina Coyne** (principal dancer, *Riverdance*), the award-winning **Tyler Schwartz** and **Connor Reider** (principal dancer *Celtic Fyre*, *St. Patrick's Day in Ireland*, *The Chieftains*), as well as the Kerry Dance Troupe, The Kerry Voice Squad and the Kerry Traditional Orchestra — 16 singers and dancers in all. A memorable night that sparkles with the charm and magic that only this festive time of year can bring, songs literally spin out of the mists and into the familiar refrains of “Silent Night,” “Twelve Days of Christmas,” “Carol of the Bells,” all accompanied by superb music of the pipes, flutes, fiddles, and bodhráns. “Genuinely astonishing ... electric!” (*The Village News*)

***An Irish Christmas*** comes to Stage One of the Harris Center for four performances: Saturday, December 22, 2018, at 2 pm and 7 pm, and Sunday, December 23 at 2 pm and 7 pm. Tickets are \$23-\$43; Premium \$48. Children and Students with ID \$18. Tickets are available online at [www.harriscenter.net](http://www.harriscenter.net) or from Harris Center Ticket Office at 916-608-6888 from 12 noon to 6 pm, Monday through Saturday, and two hours before show time. Parking is included in the price of the ticket. Harris Center is located on the west side of Folsom Lake College campus in Folsom, CA, facing East Bidwell Street.

Now a Folsom tradition, with “glorious music, dance, and plenty of Irish soul” (*Irish News and Entertainment*) and the enduring promise of a “great Irish night!” (*Irish Herald*) *An Irish Christmas* celebrates the holidays with the great tradition of butter making (in which this fundamental labor of the Irish household becomes a dance), of “chase the wren on St. Stephen’s Day”, and “to draw down the half door” for spectacular dance (the half of the door swings free, keeping animals out and letting light in) — all gathered onto one stage with fiery dancing, superb music-making and the singing of Christmas carols.

As is tradition, the cast of 16 musicians and dancers is first-rate: After winning numerous major competitions in the world of Irish dancing—she was ranked fifth in the world — **Caterina Coyne** joined *Riverdance* and quickly became a Principal Dancer with the company (a position she held for 10 years). Lead dancer **Tyler Schwartz** began competitive Irish step dancing in Chicago when he was eight years old. Since then, he has gone on to win many illustrious titles, including the all-Ireland Championship, All-Scotland Championship, North American Championship, and Great-Britain Championship. And **Connor Reider** is no stranger to competition — he ranked in the top 20 in the World Championships — and has performed with the Chieftains and *Celtic Fyre*.

### **This Year Marks Eight Seasons of Great Shows. Up Close. In Folsom!**

The Harris Center for the Arts at Folsom Lake College brings the community together to share in cultural experiences featuring the work of artists from throughout the region and around the world. Built and operated by the Los Rios Community College District, the \$50 million, state-of-the-art regional performing arts center boasts three intimate venues with outstanding acoustics, an art gallery, a recording studio, elegant teaching spaces, plenty of safe parking and all the other amenities of a world-class performing arts venue. Each year the Center hosts over 400 events attracting more than 150,000 annually.

### **Event Summary**

What: ***An Irish Christmas***  
When: Saturday, December 22, 2018, at 2 and 7 pm, and Sunday, December 23 at 2 and 7 pm.  
Where: Harris Center for the Arts at Folsom Lake College  
10 College Parkway  
Folsom, CA 95630  
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High-resolution images available at <http://bit.ly/2iacJNX> (This link to the Press Room at [www.HarrisCenter.net](http://www.HarrisCenter.net) has been updated).