

This concert combines the music of "Eire" (first half of the program) with his later work "Wayfarer." The evening is presented in the tradition of the bards of old, with all the intimacy of sitting around a peat fire listening to stories of history and legends that are wistful, reflective, and triumphant. The audience is transported back to the very sites where the music was composed enhanced by an imaginative slide presentation created by renown image designer Dennis Wiancko comprised of his own images, supplemented by photos taken by John's wife Deirdra. John's musical sketches are expressed through his rare and enchanting twenty-string harp guitar that was built by luthiers John Sullivan and Jeffrey Elliott of Portland, Oregon.

John currently performs with the New Christy Minstrels and has performed with a diverse range of other artists that include Burl Ives, Donavon, Rickie Lee Jones, etc. while his virtuoso playing and arranging has attracted praise from no less a guitar luminary than Chet Atkins and pianist George Winston. He has starred in two much-loved television specials produced by Oregon Public Broadcasting: "A Christmas to Remember with John Doan" (seen on PBS) and "A Victorian Christmas with John Doan", which was nominated for an Emmy. John is an Associate Professor of Music at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon.

New DVD, website and Ireland tours:

John's latest project is a feature length documentary titled "In Search of the Harp Guitar" which is now available on DVD. This production explores both historical and current harp guitar makers and players in a way that is fun, zany and touching. From America to Europe and back John chronicles this exciting new development of the modern guitar.

John has a new website where you can listen to MP3 short clips of his works and view video clips of interviews and concert footage as well as purchase his music collections on Compact Disk. It has a guestbook page for you to list your email so he can keep you posted on uncoming news & concerts and a calendar of events and photos page. This is a good way to share John's work with others as well.

John has also been leading guided tours back to the places in Ireland where he composed the music in this program. If you have an interest in the next Celtic Pilgrimage tour contact John at P.O. Box 5081, Salem, Oregon 97304 or by email at <jdoan@willamette.edu> or visit his website at <www.johndoan.com>.



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