

Barry Douglas and Camerata Ireland announce return Visit to USA in October 2005

Camerata Ireland, the chamber orchestra of exceptional distinction founded by Artistic Director pianist and conductor Barry Douglas is to return to the United States for a coast to coast tour in October. Composed of an outstanding group of musicians from Northern and Southern Ireland, the orchestra is only the second of two organisations to enjoy the joint patronage of Irish President Mary McAleese and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Since its inaugural concerts in May 1999, Camerata Ireland has presented concerts on four continents to great critical acclaim and is delighted to announce its return to the USA in October.

Camerata Ireland will travel coast-to-coast in the United States to venues which will include the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming; the Newman Center for the Performing Arts in Denver, Colorado; the Lensic Theater in Santa Fe, New Mexico; Bass Performance Hall in Ft. Worth, Texas; the Cerritos Center in Cerritos, California; the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona; the Burton Center for the Performing Arts in Fall Brook, California; the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City and Union College in Schenectady, New York.

At a recent recital in The Dumbarton House, Washington DC Barry Douglas was joined by the Founder members of Camerata Ireland's US Council. These are Dr Ian Brick, Tony DiResta, Dr. Joe Doane, John Hargraves and John Giovando.

This summer saw the recording of Camerata Ireland's first of three commercial releases featuring all the Beethoven Piano Concerti with Maestro Douglas at the piano. The first, featuring concerto Nos 2 & 4 will be released immediately prior to the tour. From educational outreach activities such as the Young Artist of the Year Award, to intimate and gala performances, Camerata Ireland strives to carry an Irish message of hope around the world, celebrating Ireland, its music-making and the wealth of musical talent that abounds in Ireland and beyond. For more information on Camerata Ireland and its upcoming tour, please visit www.camerata-ireland.com.

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