

## ***Celtic Thunder – Take Me Home***

**--Superstar Vocal Group's Second Concert Special Premieres Nationwide on Public Television June 2009 (check local listings)--**

By popular demand, WLIW21 in association with WNET.ORG presents the all-male vocal group's second concert special, ***Celtic Thunder – Take Me Home***, premiering nationwide on public television June 2009 (check local listings). The new special features new songs and audience favorites, and showcases a more mature, dynamic group. Damian McGinty, the youngest member – now in deeper voice and standing one foot-and-a-half taller – performs "Happy Birthday Sweet 16" and "Breaking Up is Hard to Do" like a young Neil Sedaka or Frankie Valli. Ryan Kelly's dark destroyer persona emerges during his rendition of The Police's "Every Breath You Take." George Donaldson's charisma and humor shines through during his energetic delivery of The Proclaimers' hit "I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)," and Paul Byrom reaches new vocal heights with "You Raise Me Up." Blonde surfer hunk Keith Harkin is set to steal more hearts singing Don McLean's "Castles in the Air," during which he also plays guitar. Powerful ensemble numbers include "Working Man," "Take Me Home" and an a cappella rendition of "Danny Boy." The Irish classic was added to Celtic Thunder's concert repertoire after their hugely successful 2009 St. Patrick's Day performances along Manhattan's Fifth Avenue during the parade and later that evening at the White House for President Obama's family and guests – the highlight of the whirlwind first year of their U.S. career.

Since their U.S. debut in March 2008 on public television, Celtic Thunder has spent over 45 weeks at the top of the Billboard World Music Charts and played in front of over 200,000 people on their North American tours. Their fans, known as "Thunderheads," just can't get enough. To sate fans' desire until the next tour, producer Sharon Browne filmed Celtic Thunder's April 21, 2009 performance at Casino Rama in Ontario, Canada to create ***Celtic Thunder – Take Me Home***.

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## Song List

"Heartland" - Ensemble  
"A Bird Without Wings" - Damian McGinty & George Donaldson  
"A Working Man" - George Donaldson  
"Danny Boy" - Ensemble  
"Desperado" - Ryan Kelly  
"Take Me Home" - Ensemble  
"Castles in the Air" - Keith Harkin  
"Happy Birthday Sweet 16" - Damian McGinty  
"Steal Away" - Ensemble  
"Remember Me, Recuérdame" - Paul Byrom  
"Every Breath You Take" - Ryan Kelly  
"Belfast Polka/Pennsylvania Railroad" - Celtic Band  
"I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)" - George Donaldson  
"Breaking Up is Hard to Do" - Damian McGinty  
"Lauren & I" - Keith Harkin  
"You Raise Me Up" - Paul Byrom  
"Appalachian Round up" - Celtic Band  
"Caledonia" - Ensemble

Conductor/Piano: Dave Cooke. Band: Barry Kerr (whistles, pipes, guitar, bodhrán), Dave Cooke (keyboards, vocal coaching), Neil Byrne (guitar, backing vocals), Conor McCreanor (bass guitar, backing vocals), and Declan O'Donoghue (drums/percussion). Strings: Megan Sherwood (cellist/backing vocals), Nicole Hudson (viola/backing vocals), Ruth O'Leary (violin/backing vocals), and Joyce O'Leary (violin/backing vocals). Dancer: Zara Curtis. Monks: Zara Curtis, Emilee Sandler, John Merritt, and Andrew Sharp.

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