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FPIA SPONSORS GRÁINNE HAMBLY IN CONCERT

A little bit if heaven for the Holidays

Phoenix, AZ—November 7, 2008— Captivating traditional Irish harper, Gráinne Hambly will be performing here in the Greater Phoenix area on Wednesday, November 26, 2008. Four Peaks Irish Arts, Comhaltas is proud to sponsor the concert.

This will be a fantastic way to get you in the holiday spirit. The setting will be an intimate house concert in Chandler. The date is November 26, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. The voluntary suggested donation is \$12.50 for non-members ad \$10.00 for Comhaltas members. As space is limited, it is necessary to RSVP to Four Peaks Irish Arts to pre-book with the number of guests who will be attending in your party by either emailing cyndy@fourpeaksirisharts.org or calling 602.315.3065. Seating will be on a first come first served basis. Please bring a

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folding chair to ensure you have a seat. Those calling after capacity is reached will be placed on a waiting list and contacted in the case of any cancellations.

Ms. Hambly will also be presenting a workshop and teaching how to play Irish music. The date is Tuesday, November 25, 2008, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The workshop will be at the Mesa Public Schools Performing and Creative Arts Center, 155 N. Center St., Mesa, AZ. Bring your own harp! The cost is \$15.00 for students under 18 and \$35 for adults. For more information, contact Adrienne at 480 443-1164.

Gráinne is herself, a member of Comhaltas through her home branch in Ireland. She comes from County Mayo in the west of Ireland, and is a music graduate of Queen's University Belfast. She began to play traditional Irish music on tin whistle at an early age, before turning to the concertina and later the harp.

Over the past few years, Gráinne has toured extensively throughout Europe and the United States. She is also a qualified teacher of traditional Irish music and is in great demand at summer schools and festivals both in Ireland and abroad.

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Gráinne has been featured on a number of recordings and her first solo CD, [Between the Showers](#), was released in 1999, followed by [Golden Lights and Green Shadows](#) in 2003 and [The Thorn Tree](#) in 2006.

About Four Peaks Irish Arts

Founded in 2008, Four Peaks Irish Arts is the Arizona chapter of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (**ˈkɔl-tis kíol-ˈtɔr-ē ˈár-in**), which is the largest group in the world dedicated to the preservation and promotion of traditional Irish music, song, dance, language and culture. The Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (CCÉ) organization was founded in Dublin, Ireland in 1951. CCÉ now has more than 400 branches promoting the traditional arts of Ireland around the world, including countries such as: Hungary, Sweden, Australia, Japan, Italy, and Argentina, among others.

For more information about Four Peaks Irish Arts, please visit the organization's Web site at www.fourpeaksirisharts.org.

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