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Strathmore Presents  
**THE CELTIC TENORS**

*Trio to Perform Classical, Folk, Pop and Traditional Irish Music*

**N. BETHESDA, MD.** -- Strathmore presents The Celtic Tenors in a concert of classical favorites, folk, pop and traditional Irish music in the Music Center at Strathmore on Friday, March 12, 2010 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$28-\$65. For more information or to purchase tickets call (301) 581-5100 or visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

Tenors Matthew Gilsean, Daryl Simpson and James Nelson are accompanied by music director and pianist Colm Henry. Gilsean was born in North Meath, Ireland; Simpson hails from Omagh in Northern Ireland, Nelson comes from Sligo in the heart of Yeats Country and Henry is a native of Manor Kilbride in picturesque County Wicklow. While each of The Celtic Tenors is influenced by musical traditions from their own individual parts of Ireland, they show great flexibility in melding their voices to suit different music genres. In recognition of this versatility, The Celtic Tenors were presented an ECHO Award in Germany in the Classical without Boundaries category.

“The Celtic Tenors continue to reinvent the whole tenor idiom by pioneering a style of ‘cool’ new to the classical stage, and by breaking the traditional stuffy tenor mold,” says composer and frequent collaborator Phil Coulter, who was recently awarded The British Academy of Songwriters, Composers and Author’s prestigious Gold Badge Award.

In addition to their signature Irish songs, the concert will include a few songs from The Celtic Tenors’ most recent album *Hard Times*, released in 2009. This new album is a collection of songs from North America by songwriters including Stephen Foster and Bob Dylan. It is essentially a roots album with rich harmony driven songs.

The group has released five albums with more than one million albums sold worldwide. With a full international touring schedule, The Celtic Tenors have topped the charts in the United States, Canada, Germany, the United Kingdom and Ireland.

### **About Strathmore**

Strathmore is an established arts presenter and cultural destination that nurtures art, artists and community through creative and diverse programming of the highest quality and is home to the Music Center at Strathmore, a 1,976-seat concert hall and education complex. The Music Center at Strathmore, located at 5301 Tuckerman Lane in North Bethesda, MD, is immediately adjacent to the Grosvenor-Strathmore station on Metro's Red Line and is a half-mile from the Capital Beltway. For those attending a ticketed performance at the Music Center at Strathmore, parking in the Metro garage is complimentary with your ticket. For further information or tickets, call (301) 581-5100 or visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

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