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**CAPA PRESENTS THE IRISH-FIDDLE MASTERY OF  
EILEEN IVERS  
WITH IMMIGRANT SOUL**

Hailed as a "sensation" by *Billboard* magazine and "the Jimi Hendrix of the violin" by *The New York Times*, Eileen Ivers has established herself as the world's pre-eminent example of the Irish fiddle. Being the nine-time All-Ireland Fiddle Champion, original music star of *Riverdance*, founding member of Cherish the Ladies, and featured guest artist with The Chieftains, Afro-Celts, Hall & Oates, Patti Smith, Paula Cole, Al DiMeola, and over 30 symphony orchestras worldwide, Ivers and her band, Immigrant Soul, will change the way you think about the fiddle.

**CAPA** welcomes Eileen Ivers to the **Southern Theatre** (21 E. Main St.) on **Sunday, March 8, at 7 pm. Tickets** are \$38.50 and \$33.50 at the Ohio Theatre Ticket Office (39 E. State St.), all Ticketmaster outlets, and [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). To purchase tickets by phone, please call (800) 745-3000 or (614) 469-0939. The Southern Theatre Ticket Office will open two hours prior to the performance. Students between the ages of 13-19 may purchase \$5 High Five tickets while available.

Ivers' recording credits include over 80 contemporary and traditional albums and numerous movie scores. Her latest CD, *Eileen Ivers & Immigrant Soul*, continues to display why Ivers is hailed as one of the great innovators and pioneers in the celtic and world music genres.

The daughter of Irish immigrants, Eileen Ivers grew up in the culturally diverse neighborhood of Bronx, New York. Rooted in Irish traditional music since the age of eight, Ivers proceeded to win nine All-Ireland fiddle championships, a tenth on tenor banjo, and over 30 championship medals, making her one of the most awarded persons ever to compete in these prestigious competitions.

Being an Irish-American, the intrigue of learning more about the multicultural sounds of her childhood took hold. After graduating magna cum laude in mathematics from Iona College and while continuing her post-graduate work, Ivers fully immersed herself in the different genres of music which she experienced growing up in New York. Perhaps it was the mathematical mind coupled with her passion for seeking parallels in certain traditional music styles which contributed to what has become the signature sound featured in much of Eileen's recordings since the late 1980s.

In 1999, Ivers established a touring production to present the music which now encompasses Eileen Ivers & Immigrant Soul. This mix of African and Latin percussion and bass, Irish instrumentalists, and American soulful vocals headlines major performing arts centers, guest stars with numerous symphonies, performs at major festivals worldwide, and has appeared on national and international television. *The LA Times* proclaims, "Ivers' presentation was music with the kind of life and spirit that come together when talented artists from different backgrounds find the linkages that connect all forms of music ...no wonder the audience loved every minute."

Eileen is also privileged to share the stage with two of the world's most celebrated violinists, classical virtuoso Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg and jazz great Regina Carter, in the critically acclaimed "Fiddlers Three." This show continues to fascinate symphony audiences throughout the US. As *The Boston Globe* proclaims, "Fiddlers Three will go down as one of the great Boston Pops Events."

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Owner/operator of downtown Columbus' magnificent historic theatres (Ohio Theatre, Palace Theatre, Southern Theatre) and manager of the Riffe Center Theatre Complex (Columbus) and the Shubert Theater (New Haven, CT), **CAPA** is an award-winning presenter of national and international performing arts and entertainment. For more information, visit [www.capa.com](http://www.capa.com).

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