

## Eileen Ivers' Show/Program Notes –

### CONNECTING THE ROOTS

Legendary fiddler Eileen Ivers' new show takes the audience on a musical journey exploring the rich roots of American music and dance **Connecting the Roots** highlights music from Ivers' new album 'Beyond the Bog Road', and tells of the passage of the Irish immigrant... the story of their impact on America and America's impact on them. The concert showcases how Irish music and dance have integrated with various roots music of North America to create one of the richest cross-pollinations of folk music styles in the world. It brings to light the influences of the Celtic tradition on roots music ...bluegrass, French Canadian, Cajun and Appalachian ...and how it journeyed on to become a fundamental ingredient of the American country music tradition.

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Ms. Ivers is Bronx born, nine-time All-Ireland fiddle champion, Original Musical Star of Riverdance and firmly rooted in traditional Irish music. But she is also celebrated as a musical pioneer with the NY Times hailing her "the Jimi Hendrix of the violin" and the L.A. Times proclaiming "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."