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WORDS + MUSIC presents

The Irish Show

*Featuring **The Blacks**, Ireland's foremost family of song*

Monday, December 8, 2008 | 7:30 PM

MILL VALLEY, CA—Marin Theatre Company's popular **WORDS + MUSIC** series presents a winter revelry in song and dance, *The Irish Show*, on Monday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Boyer Theatre. The show stars Irish musical sensation **The Blacks**, and features the **Celtic Dance Ensemble**. Produced by Ellie Mednick, *The Irish Show* celebrates MTC's current production of *The Seafarer* by award-winning Irish playwright Conor McPherson.

MTC is privileged to present Ireland's first family of song, **The Blacks**, featuring **Michael Black** on vocals, guitar and banjo, and his brother **Shay Black**, also on vocals and guitar. They are joined by cellist **Myra Joy** and pianist **Bryan Seet**. The Black brothers are regarded as two of the finest and most popular singers in Ireland. They tour regularly in the U.S. and abroad with a repertoire that includes old Dublin street songs, music hall songs, historical ballads, songs from the Irish, English, and Scottish traditions, and contemporary music. They have a special fondness for songs that involve the audience—narratives with stories, humorous anecdotes from their Irish childhoods, and many jokes!

The Celtic Dance Ensemble, a dazzling company of eight Irish set dancers, is sure to add excitement to the evening.

***WORDS & MUSIC** is underwritten by a generous grant from Carl G. Berry.*

THE FACTS

Marin Theatre Company is located at 397 Miller Ave, Mill Valley 94941.
For more information visit www.marintheatre.org or call 415.388.5208.
Tickets for **WORDS + MUSIC** are \$34 general, \$31 seniors, and \$20 students

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Pre-show dinner. A delicious hot Irish Hearth Supper may be purchased in advance for only \$20 when ordering tickets and will be served in the lobby beginning at 6 p.m. There will be a complimentary wine tasting with the meal.

ABOUT MTC

Entering its 42nd year, Marin Theatre Company is one of only five LORT theaters in the Bay Area, and is the largest professional regional theater company located in San Francisco's North Bay. It produces an annual season of more than 200 performances on its two stages. MTC provides a forum for contemporary, classic, and emerging playwrights and, through the new Expanded Programs forum, an environment that introduces people of all ages to the transformative power of theatre. Through its public performances, school tours, and various educational programs, MTC serves more than 40,000 people annually.

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