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CELTIC THUNDER "... hailed as Billboard's Top World Music Artist."

Sarasota, FL – Oct. 22, 2012 The sensational Irish musical group, **Celtic Thunder**, returns to the **Van Wezel** on **Nov. 1, at 7:30pm** with a new tour, fresh sound, and new blood. Keith Harkin, Ryan Kelly, Neil Byrne, George Donaldson, Colm Keegan, Damian McGinty, Paul Bryom, and Emmet Cahill will be joined by 13 year-old Daniel Furlong for their new tour in support of their latest album, Voyage II. **Celtic Thunder** has received large scale commercial success and critical acclaim as a result of their eclectic style and musical virtuosity.

The current incarnation of **Celtic Thunder** has been in existence since 2007 and has released 9 studio albums and 8 DVDs. The majority of which have made it onto the prestigious Billboard 200 list, under the category of World Music. The Voyage tour will continue to expose audiences to the traditional music of Ireland, and teach them about the rich culture that is woven into the fabric of these timeless tunes. With songs such as "Danny Boy," "All out of Love," and "Galway Girl" the men of **Celtic Thunder** have performed for President Obama at the White House, as well as the Pentagon. This diverse group has been a repeat sellout show at the Van Wezel, in years past, and is sure to be a success in 2012.

Tickets are priced from \$30-\$80. For more information, call the Box Office at 941-953-3368, or toll free 800-826-9303, or visit www.VanWezel.org

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Date of show: Thursday, November 1, 2012 @ 7:30pm