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CHULRUA CONCERT
“Traditional Irish music at its best”

DULUTH, MINNESOTA, Saturday, February 16, 2008

Pond Stage Productions is excited to present **Chulrua**, in concert. **Chulrua** is one of the finest traditional Irish music groups anywhere. Paddy O'Brien (button accordion), Pat Egan (guitar and vocals) and Patrick Ourceau (fiddle); *“Students of the music, masters of their instruments, these three fit together with a tightness and perfection to be envied.”* - The Irish Edition, Philadelphia, PA. Opening the show for **Chulrua** is **Nori Perrine and Chuck Butler**, rising stars on the Minnesota Celtic music horizon.

WHEN: Saturday, February 16, 2008 , 7:00 PM

WHERE: Duluth Congregational Church - 3833 East Superior Street - Duluth, MN

WHO & WHAT: Chulrua (www.chulrua.com) - Traditional Irish music at its best. Paddy O'Brien is regarded by serious players and collectors of Irish traditional music as one of the tradition's most important repositories; in a musical career that spans nearly forty years, he has collected more than 3,000 compositions—jigs, reels, hornpipes, airs, and marches, including many rare and unusual tunes. His mastery of the two-row button accordion has been acknowledged with many prestigious awards.

Nori Perrine and Chuck Butler (www.doublefiddles.com) perform traditional and original music in double-fiddle style. Their music is influenced by traditional fiddle music of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, County Donegal in Ireland, and by Québécois fiddle styles. Their fiery, toe-tapping performances resonate equally well with patrons of the traditional art form and with audiences possessing more modern and energetic tastes for traditional music. There is a strong sense of passion for their traditional music roots in their performances. They are joined in concert by other respected names in traditional music.

For detailed information about this concert and the groups, go to: www.pondstage.com, www.chulrua.com, and www.doublefiddles.com.

Duluth Congregational Church offers rich acoustics, pleasant surroundings, spacious seating and convenient off-street parking during the event, making it a wonderful environment to enjoy the concert. Concert admission price is \$15.00.

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Pond Stage Productions is excited about this concert in accordance with their mission; To bring entertaining, high quality and diverse music performances to the region. We will be available for interviews and publicity regarding this concert.

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