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TOMMY SANDS IMPARTS SONG, WIT AND A TEMPLATE FOR PEACE

Celtic Legend Tommy Sands Tours the World Using Traditional Music
as a Doorway to Bring Good Will and Good Cheer

CITY, STATE ABBR: Enchanting. Irresistible. Charming. Three words out of many that describe Ireland's legendary County Down performer, Tommy Sands, who will appear at the VENUE with his children and accomplished musicians, 25 year-old Moya and 26 year-old Fionán Sands. The performance is MONTH DAY at TIME.

The upcoming spring 2008 concert tour features music from Tommy's soon-to-be released CD, *Let the Circle Be Wide*. The CD offers 14 original compositions steeped in the Irish music tradition. "The Young Man's Dream," is based on the first version of "Danny Boy" ever documented, written over 400 years ago in the mid 1600's. "Rovers of Wonder" melds Irish music with the tonalities of Mongolian throat singers, marrying the two styles for a unique and adventurous sound. The CD's title track, "Let the Circle Be Wide" carries Tommy's message for peace by asking for inclusiveness from all people, everywhere.

A native of north-Ireland, Tommy demonstrates that in a tumultuous political environment, his music speaks louder than violence. Touring the world with his music of peace, Tommy recently returned home from Israel and Palestine. Before the year is out, Tommy will travel to nine countries, including a few weeks in Afghanistan and Cuba where he will bring his "template of possibility" to the people and politicians.

An exceptional artist, Tommy's music draws the audience into the compelling tales of Ireland's great loves, conflicts and its playful and unbreakable spirit. Respected US magazine Sing Out! regards Tommy as "The most powerful songwriter in Ireland if not the rest of the world." The description sells him short. He is a rare combination of

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singer, songwriter, storyteller, author and social activist, captivating audiences with the same musical skill and charm that earned him the respect of fellow musician, Pete Seeger, Noble Laureate author Seamus Heaney, and host of politicians around the world.

While Tommy's charm and warmth create an intimate solo concert setting, the addition of Moya and Fionán for this upcoming performance promises a fuller and more dynamic sound. With fiddle, bodhran, tin whistle, banjo, mandolin, and other instruments, the concert gives the feel of a true Irish céilí, where music and dancing lift the spirit well into the wee hours.

For more information on Tommy Sands, please call the Ixtlan Artists Group at 412-521-4201 or visit the website www.ixtlanartists.com. For information on performance tickets, please contact the VENUE at NUMBER or get information online at WEBSITE.

The Ixtlan Artists Group, Inc. represents Tommy Sands and an eclectic ensemble of traditional and more contemporary artists from Europe and the Americas. For over 20 years the company has presented artists who share an experience of cultural diversity that is entertaining, educational and meaningful.

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