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Séan McCann, co-founder of Great Big Sea, Brings Celtic-infused Solo Show to Rotary Centre for the Arts

(Kelowna, BC) - Canadian singer-songwriter Séan McCann, co-founder of folk-rockers Great Big Sea, is set to perform his solo show celebrating Irish music at the Rotary Centre for the Arts (RCA) in Kelowna on Wednesday, May 10 at 7:30 pm. McCann's show features a blend of Celtic-infused tunes from his latest album, *Shantyman*, and some beloved Irish classics. His performances pay homage to the lively and spirited Newfoundland kitchen party.

"We are absolutely delighted to bring Séan McCann's sensational Celtic-infused songs to the Rotary Centre for the Arts," says Colleen Fitzpatrick, RCA's Executive Director. "His remarkable talent and passion for music, combined with his inspiring philanthropic work, make him a true Canadian icon. We feel privileged to have him grace our stage and share his uplifting music with our community."

Shantyman, McCann's sixth solo album, is his first release since 2017's *There's A Place*, and follows a string of successful records, including *Lullabies for Bloodshot Eyes*, *Son of a Sailor*, *Help Your Self*, and *You Know I Love You*. The album incorporates the expected rhythms and sounds of Celtic bodhrans and tin whistles, as well as a variety of other instruments played by McCann's talented friends, such as J.P. Cormier, Jeremy Fisher, Hawksley Workman, and Gordie Johnson of Big Sugar.

McCann is also recognized for his philanthropic work. In 2017, McCann organized a benefit with Joel Plaskett, Sarah Harmer, and Fisher to purchase guitars for veterans who are struggling with PTSD and other mental health issues. His contributions to mental health advocacy led to his appointment to the Order of Canada in 2019. Having battled his own addiction and suffered childhood abuse, McCann and his wife co-wrote *One Good Reason: A Memoir of Addiction and Recovery*, which was published in 2020.

Séan McCann's Kelowna performance is part of his current tour, which includes over 40 shows across Canada and beyond. Fans of Irish music and McCann's solo work won't want to miss this exciting and heartfelt performance.

Tickets for Séan McCann's performance on Wednesday, May 10 at 7:30 PM are on sale for \$51. Group of 20+ can save 20% by contacting the RCA Box Office.

For more information, visit Sean McCann's website. <https://seanmccannsings.com/>

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Located in the heart of Kelowna's Cultural District, the [Rotary Centre for the Arts](#) is a multidisciplinary visual and performing arts centre. The RCA improves the economic, cultural, and social quality of life in the community by fostering participation in, and appreciation of the arts. The RCA brings together individuals of all ages and backgrounds to share in the excitement of strengthening art and culture in the Okanagan celebrating creative expression through diverse art forms and disciplines. The Rotary Centre for the Arts respectfully acknowledges that it is located on the unceded, traditional territory of the Syilx/Okanagan People.