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NEWPORT, OR - Founded in July 2001 by the Oregon Legislature, the Oregon Cultural Trust provides funding for Oregon's cultural community to support organizations which sustain, develop, and participate in arts, heritage and humanities and sees these types of activities as an investment which creates vibrant communities by strengthening the economy, improving education and bettering quality of life.

Each of the Trust's 1,300 members throughout Oregon must be a qualifying 501(c) 3 organization registered with the IRS and its non-profit status with the State of Oregon is verified. Additionally, their bylaws are reviewed and their mission and goals must have "culture" at their core, which may be rooted in the arts, heritage, history, historic preservation or the humanities.

The *Celtic Heritage Alliance* is proud to announce that it joins 17 fellow Lincoln County non-profit organizations as newly accepted members of the Oregon Cultural Trust and it continues to work to fulfill its mission.

That mission is to "promote and preserve Celtic culture and heritage through creation and development of Celtic cultural events, activities, and programs which facilitate education, workshops, musical performances and traditional competitions which include athletics, music and dance."

Another example of such a program will be the hosting of CHA's second Irish House Concert event "Harvest by the Sea" to be held November 3, 2012 at the First Presbyterian Church in Newport featuring the talented musicians, Elizabeth Nicholson and Bob Soper of "Stringed Migration" of Portland.

For more information about the Celtic Heritage Alliance or to purchase advanced tickets online, please visit www.newportcelticfestival.com

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