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## Mark O'Connor & Friends - *An Appalachian Christmas*

The Grammy Winner's "Dazzling" and "Elegant" Holiday Reinvention

**PORTLAND, Ore., September 29, 2015** — All Classical Portland presents Grammy-winning violinist Mark O'Connor at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall on Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> as part of the acclaimed *An Appalachian Christmas* tour. The performance features "elegant" (*New York Times*) interpretations of Christmas classics found on O'Connor's celebrated album of the same name, which reached the top 20 on three Billboard charts (Bluegrass Albums, Crossover Albums, and Classical Albums) and which *American Songwriter* called "an absolute delight."

This will be the third consecutive year that All Classical Portland has partnered with Mark O'Connor to bring his incredibly popular holiday tour to Portland, and the second time presenting it in Portland's beloved Broadway theater, the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. This "infectious mix of roots music" (*The Oregonian*) packed the house last year and is becoming a favorite holiday tradition for Portland families, so don't miss out on your opportunity to secure seats! Tickets are available through the Portland's website, at [portland5.com](http://portland5.com). Donors to All Classical Portland receive a \$5 discount off all tickets purchased.

Several renowned instrumentalists and singers enhance O'Connor "dazzling skill" (*Spartanburg Herald-Journal*) as both a musician and composer to create this totally unique holiday spectacular: banjoist and vocalist Cia Cherryholmes from the bluegrass band "Cherryholmes;" fiddler and vocalist Carrie Rodriguez; guitarist Joe Smart; bassist Michael Rinne; O'Connor's son Forrest on mandolin and vocals; and O'Connor's wife Maggie on fiddle. The ensemble infuses Americana in all that they play, and brings a "warm blend of country, folk and classical to Christmas songs" (*Willamette Week*) including "Winter Wonderland," "O Christmas Tree," "Carol of the Bells," and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." Watch a performance of "Carol of the Bells" here: <http://bit.ly/1twqRCj>

This special concert is sponsored in part by Bob's Red Mill, and kicks off All Classical Portland's annual Festival of Carols, four days of beautiful, uplifting and heartwarming classical music, carefully selected to be the perfect accompaniment to your holiday activities.

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