# RIVERDANCE 25TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW

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– **Fall in Love With the Magic All Over Again With This Powerful Reinvention of the Groundbreaking Show** –

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Filmed on the 25th anniversary of its first full performance at the 3Arena in Dublin — the spot where it all began — the**RIVERDANCE 25TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW** is a powerful and stirring reinvention of this beloved family favorite. Catapulting *Riverdance* into the 21st century, this new cinematic experience immerses viewers in the extraordinary and elemental power of music and dance. Celebrated the world over for its Grammy® Award-winning score, *Riverdance* brings thrilling energy and passion to Irish and international dance. **RIVERDANCE 25TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW** is part of special programming premiering on PBS stations beginning Saturday, August 29, 2020 ([check local listings](http://www.pbs.org/tv_schedules/)).

Twenty-five years ago, seven minutes changed the face of Irish dancing forever. The Eurovision Song Contest interval act performance by *Riverdance* gave millions of people a new and exciting glimpse of the future of Irish dance. Now composer Bill Whelan has re-recorded his mesmerizing soundtrack while producer Moya Doherty and director John McColgan have re-imagined the groundbreaking show with innovative and spectacular lighting, projection, stage and costume designs.

New and extraordinarily evocative video backdrops call forth the beauty and mystery of the island and enhance the show’s central theme, chronicling the emotional upheaval of the migration to a new Irish life in America. An incredible new generation of dancers and musicians, including a fantastic 17-year-old fiddler from New Jersey, brings fresh energy to the production.

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