

Riverdance 21

The international Irish dance phenomenon is back by popular demand in *Riverdance - The 21st Anniversary Production*, composed by Bill Whelan, produced by Moya Doherty and directed by John McColgan

Experience the power and passion of the incredible stage spectacular that has electrified over 25 million people of all ages around the world. Celebrating this momentous anniversary, the 21st year Production presents a number of new additions to the original show:

- An all female band of dynamic and talented international musicians.
- A new a cappella dance number Anna Livia, (named after James Joyce's personification of Dublin's River Liffey)
- A new generation of Irish dancers, many of whom were not even born when Riverdance premiered in Dublin over 21 years ago.
- Some beautiful new costumes created by triple Emmy winning designer Joan Bergin.
- Lavish new lighting designs for the whole show to enhance the original projections painted by celebrated artist Robert Ballagh.

Fans new and old will not only enjoy the familiar, but will also be enchanted and entertained by the many fresh aspects of the show.

For over 21 years, nothing has carried the energy, the sensuality and the spectacle of ***Riverdance***. ***Riverdance*** began its journey as the 1994 Eurovision Song Contest interval act, produced for television by Moya Doherty. This electrifying and innovative seven minute dance piece was then developed into a full-length stage show by Producer Moya Doherty, Composer Bill Whelan and Director John McColgan. With its fusion of Irish and International music and dance, the show broke all box office records during its world première run in Dublin and has continued to set new records in packed theatres and arenas throughout Europe, North America, Australia and New Zealand, Asia, South Africa and South America.

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Since **Riverdance - The Show** began in Dublin 1995, it has...

- Played 11,500 performances to a live audience of over 25 million people in 515 venues worldwide, throughout 47 countries across 6 continents.
- Travelled 750,000 miles (or 30 times around the world).
- Played to a global television audience of 3 billion people.
- Sold over 3 million copies of the Grammy Award winning CD.
- Sold Over 10 million Riverdance videos and DVDs.
- Riverdance holds the Guinness World Record for the 'Longest Riverdance Line,' which featured 1693 participants.
- Since the Riverdance Summer School began in 2015 over 500 Irish Dancers from 15 countries worldwide have attended and learned the iconic Riverdance steps.
- And there had been...
 - 2,000 Performers from 29 countries
 - 22,000 Dance Shoes worn
 - 62 Marriages Between Company Members
 - 92 Riverdance Babies Born (With More On the Way!)
 - 34,000 Cumulative Years of Study in Step-Dancing -

CRITICAL PRAISE FOR *Riverdance*:

- "The originalthe best." - **THE IRISH TIMES**
- "A family evening unlike anything else!" - **THE TIMES OF LONDON**
- "*Riverdance* is as much a phenomenon as a show." - **NEW YORK POST**
- "An Irish phenomenon." - **PARISCOPE**
- "A show of superlatives." - **NEUES DEUTSCHLAND**
- "Entertainment doesn't come much better than this." - **THE IRISH EXAMINER**
- "One of the most entertaining shows you will ever see." - **THE EVENING HERALD**
- "Dance does not often get so good." - **THE GUARDIAN**
- "The phenomenon rolls on! There will always be a *Riverdance*!" - **THE NEW YORK TIMES**
- "The show is quite simply incredible. A phenomenon of historic proportions." - **THE WASHINGTON TIMES**
- "The sort of spectacle and experience that comes along once in a lifetime." - **THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER**
- "Triumphant! A perfect Gem." - **NEW YORK POST**
- ***Riverdance - The 20th Anniversary Tour***, "As for the flaws? Well, there simply aren't any. Here's to another 20 years!" - **EDINBURGH NEWS**
- "*Riverdance* is the No. 1 dance show of the world." - **SHENZHEN DAILY**