

Celtinental Music

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To Whom It May Concern,

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The Celtinental Music Agency brings several world class traditional artists to the US to tour, and we are writing in support of NAMBA as a venue in which to host them.

It is no secret that smaller independent venues have been struggling to stay afloat; they do not receive the funding that premier established cultural venues and educational institutions with higher renown receive, and yet many also bring in teachers/artists who present many programs based on their knowledge and expertise as those available at more renowned institutions.

Artists also have been struggling these past two years to continue earning a living teaching and handing down their traditions to the next generations, especially because the arts, and thereby traditions, are getting less and less credit as a societal necessity.

NAMBA's mission is to bring cultural education and entertainment to the community, and they have chosen several of our artists for that reason; that they represent more than just the traditional music of their heritage and culture, but also the joy in presenting and upholding their traditions to all audiences.

NAMBA also strives to give artists a good experience and room in which to celebrate their traditions with the audience, which in turn helps educate the community to the roots of their own traditions and gives more meaning as to how their experience in America has been shaped. The venue itself creates an up close and more meaningful personal experience for artists and audience.

It is to their credit that NAMBA, while struggling financially themselves, is also looking towards ways to compensate artists fairly and adequately for bringing their life's cultural work and passion to their stage. Please consider helping them to continue their work of keeping the arts alive. Thank you!

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