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**Legendary Irish Band ‘Shilelagh Law’ and the Rousing ‘Celtic Cross’ Return to
Empire City Casino for 3rd Annual Irish Concert
Irish Eyes Will be Smilin’ – and Rockin’ – on March 6th**

Yonkers, New York - The “Luck of the Irish” will be musically profound at **Empire City Casino** with the announcement that **Shilelagh Law** and **Celtic Cross**, the exceedingly popular New York City-based Irish-American bands, will perform on **Sunday, March 6**, from **1:00-4:00pm** in a pre-St. Patrick’s Day indoor concert. The **Pipes and Drums of the Police Emerald Society of Westchester**, comprised of police officers from many of the 39 Police Departments within the County of Westchester will also perform.

Shilelagh Law is known to embody all that is New York Irish music. By interpreting traditional Irish music through a filter of urban grittiness, Shilelagh Law helps define the Irish-American experience that is such a part of New York. Their fan base is wide-spread and one of the most loyal in the music industry.

Founded in the Bronx in 1990, **Celtic Cross** has been making and breaking Irish music tradition all over the US and abroad. The music of the seven-piece band tells great stories using the traditional on top of sassy pop, alt-country and funk playing.

Tickets are priced at just \$20 and are on sale now at www.empirecitycasino.com. All tickets are general admission/standing room. Venue opens at noon.

Performance Schedule:

Pipes and Drums of the Police Emerald Society of Westchester - 12:45pm
Celtic Cross - 1:00pm
Pipes and Drums of the Police Emerald Society of Westchester - 2:15pm
Shilelagh Law - 2:30pm

About Shilelagh Law:

New York and Irish music have a long and storied history together. a collision of two cultures that results in bedlam, beauty and a lot in between. Shilelagh Law embodies all that is New York Irish music: old songs, new songs, jigs, reels, dancing, weeping, lots of laughter, plenty of drinks and the inevitable visit to the local diner at 5am. By interpreting traditional Irish music through a filter of urban grittiness Shilelagh Law helps to define the Irish-American experience that is such a part of New York town.

About Celtic Cross:

Celtic Cross is the legendary NYC seven-piece band fronted by Kathleen Fee, a talented singer-songwriter and her brothers John (accordion) & Kenny (fiddle) Vesey. They are joined by a group of accomplished and skilled NYC players Wally Ensor on guitar, Pat Dineen on bass/keys, Frankie McCormick on mandolin/banjo, and Ryan Cavan on drums. Products of Irish parents, traditional Irish music roots, and American pop radio, Celtic Cross puts it all together in a very different way than what you will hear from most Celtic acts. The band’s music tells great stories using the traditional on top of sassy pop, alt-country and funk playing. They are a band’s band around the NYC Irish scene and will remind you of Fleetwood Mac or the B-52s with a heavy dose of Saw Doctors or Stockton’s Wing. The band was founded in the Bronx in 1990 and has been making and breaking Irish music tradition all over the US and abroad ever since.

About The Pipes and Drums of the Police Emerald Society of Westchester:

The Pipes and Drums of the Police Emerald Society of Westchester Band was founded in May 1973 under the direction of Lt. Martin J. Harding of the Yonkers Police Department. Our membership is comprised of Officers from many of the 39 Police Departments within the County of Westchester, New York.

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The Band's first appearance was in 1974 at the Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade where it captured the "Trophy for Musical Excellence". From this auspicious start, it went on to march in the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade where, in 1976 it was honored to win the "Irish World Trophy" and in 1980 the trophy for "Best Pipe Band". The band has also been twice decorated with the "Westchester County Service Award", bestowed by County Executive Andrew O'Rourke, in recognition of The Bands' portrayal of Police Professionalism and its dedication to the community of Westchester.

About Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway:

Empire City Casino, one of the largest entertainment and gaming destinations in the northeast, features 5,300 of the hottest slots, electronic blackjack, three card poker, craps, roulette, baccarat and sic bo; year-round harness racing & International simulcasting; live entertainment including the best party, tribute and Latin bands, comedy, & more. A plethora of dining options will satisfy even the most discerning palate with Italian cuisine at *Nonno's Trattoria*; trackside dining with live betting at *Empire Terrace Restaurant*; and convenient delicious options at the International Food Court or Lil' Cocina. A new \$50 million expansion added *Dan Rooney's*, a high-energy sports bar, and *Alley 810*, a craft cocktail lounge rounds out the entertainment options with retro bowling lanes. Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway is located at 810 Yonkers Avenue (off I-87 at Central Avenue) Yonkers, NY, Westchester County, open seven days a week from 10:00am to 6:00am. Visit www.empirecitycasino.com or call 914.968.4200 for information.

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