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Portland, OR- The muses collide when Maldon Meehan presents "**Brightening Glance.**" This cross-cultural percussive dance show about the cycling of the seasons was inspired by the work of the iconic Irish poet, **William Butler Yeats**, as well as songs from a host of other world traditions. The show will feature traditional Sean-nós (or "old style") Irish dance, as well as American clogging, Cape-Breton, step dance, 1930s era tap dance, ballet and more. The dance is accompanied by Celtic and international music, which is performed live by the Portland-based, stringed quartet, **Stringed Migration.**

Maldon Meehan is a performer, teacher and choreographer of percussive dance. She had performed at festivals and camps in American and Ireland. Joining Maldon Meehan and her troupe will be guest dancers Brian Hart, Leela Grace and Shannon Dunne.

Percussive dance lovers may remember the stellar performance of The Maldon Meehan Dancers at last year's Portland Christmas Revels, or last fall's *An Damhsa* show, which chronicled stories of Irish immigration. Troupe members Meredith English, Maura Mahon, Delores Day, Elizabeth Stevens and Cathy Jensen will join the principal dancers on stage.

Stringed Migration will play selections from their critically acclaimed album *Fly Not Yet*, as well as new works created for the performance. The band consists of Elizabeth Nicholson (also an alumnus of last year's Christmas Revels) on Celtic harp, guitar, and vocals; Bob Soper on bouzouki, vocals, violin and percussion; Eddie Parente on violin and viola; and Rob Barrick on Scottish small-pipes and double bass. Joining the band on a few selections will be 2002 All-Ireland Fleadh singing champion Brian Hart, and Portland's own Americana songstress Leela Grace.

The Yeats Poetry Cycle was conceptualized and crafted by local Irish music and dance lover Nancy Jarrell.

The show runs October 16 to October 17 at Echo Theatre, 1515 SE 35th Ave, Portland. Shows start at 7pm. Tickets are on a sliding scale \$20-40, available at www.maldonmeehan.com or Meehan Productions (503) 206-9311.

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