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**Irish Folk Singer Mary Courtney to Perform at The Woodlawn Cemetery Chapel on Sunday, May 2nd  
Presented by the BxIndie Music Series of the Bronx Council on the Arts**

(April 19, 2010 — Bronx, NY) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) BxIndie Music Series presents Irish folk singer/songwriter Mary Courtney performing contemporary and traditional Irish songs at 2:30pm on Sunday, May 2, 2010, at The Woodlawn Cemetery Chapel inside the cemetery's Jerome Avenue gate. The concert follows the cemetery's "Irish Eyes Are Smiling Tour" where guests can visit the final resting places of some of New York's most prominent Irish men and women.

**Concert Admission:** \$10 for adults; \$5 for Seniors and Students. Children under six are free. Reservations are recommended. Contact the Friends of Woodlawn at 718-920-1470 or [friends@thewoodlawncemetery.org](mailto:friends@thewoodlawncemetery.org). All are welcome.

Kerry-born native, **Mary Courtney**, formed the band Morning Star in 1982 in the Bronx. Over the years they have recorded several albums and have played on the local & U.S. festival circuits. "Playing music is our life," says Ms. Courtney, "and we are so grateful for the gift of music that we have been given."

Before Mary performs her lyrical and haunting traditional Irish music in this evocative venue, be on hand to walk the "Irish Eyes Are Smiling Tour". Visit the resting places of George M. Cohan, Victor Herbert and Chauncey Olcott, and others.

**Tour Admission:** \$10 per Person; \$5 for Seniors & Students. Meet for the tour at the Jerome Avenue entrance at 1:00pm. A 25% discount is available for attending both the tour and concert: \$15 for Adults; \$7.50 for Seniors & Students.

**Directions:** The Jerome Avenue Gate of The Woodlawn Cemetery is the last stop on the IRT #4 Train. The cemetery is also accessible from the Metro North Railroad Harlem Line (Woodlawn Station). For those traveling by car, Woodlawn can be reached from the E. 233rd street exit off the Major Deegan (#13) and the Bronx River Parkway (#10).

This event is a part of BxIndie programming sponsored by the Bronx Council on the Arts. BxIndie events are designed to encourage artists and arts collectives to explore new performance sites, to break new ground in various disciplines and to get closer to their audience, thus increasing community participation while fostering an environment for the arts to thrive. BxIndie is a NYC Cultural Innovation Fund project funded by the Rockefeller Foundation.

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