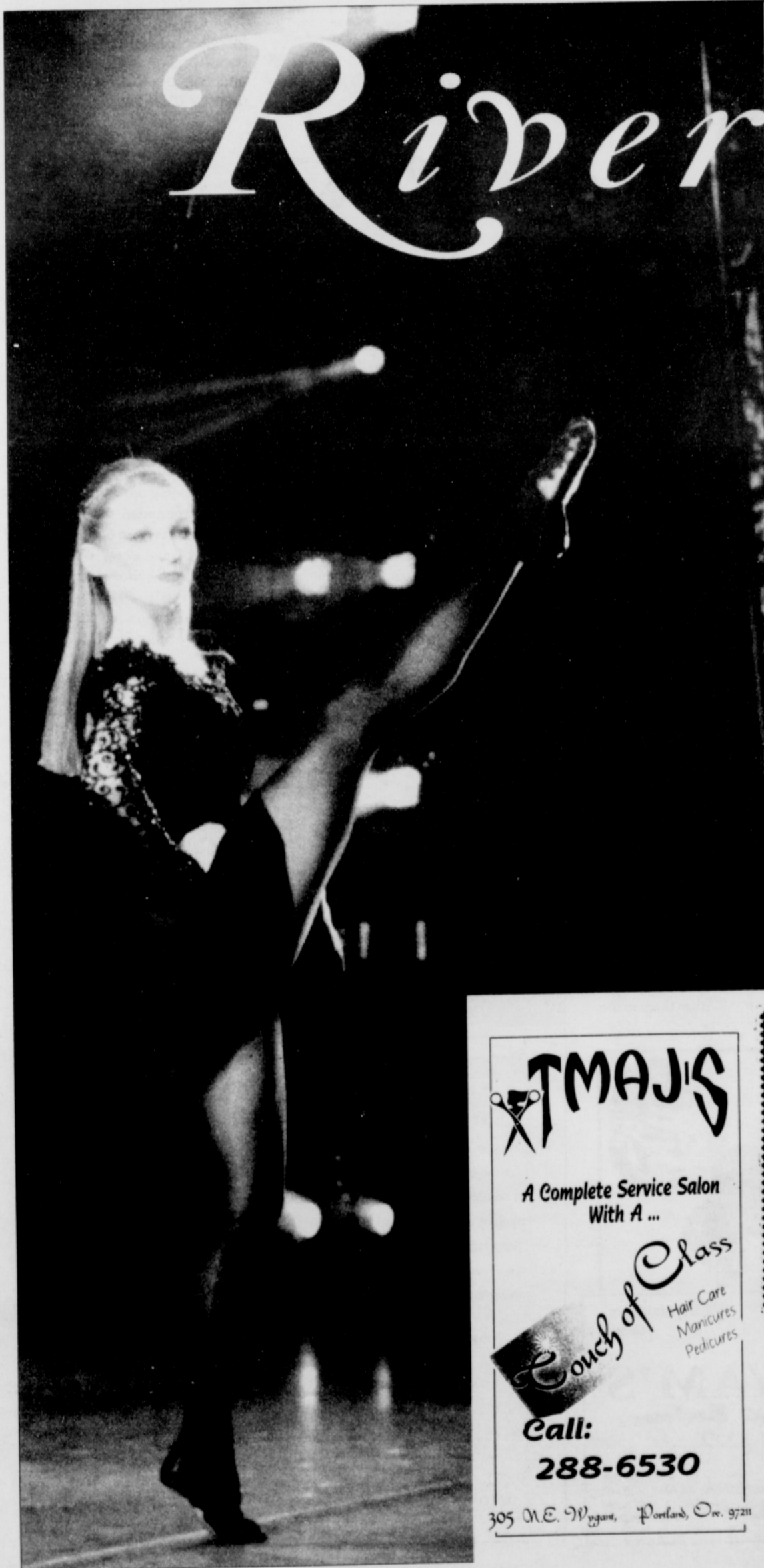


# Riverdance



Riverdance - The Show, the Original International Phenomenon, is America's favorite. The internationally-acclaimed celebration of Irish music, song and dance is 1998's #1 Variety/Family Entertainment Show in the U.S. Riverdance - The Show placed first in the top five grossing shows for 1998, with attendance of 787,154. Trailing behind the phenomenally successful show are Lord of the Dance, Kings of Comedy, David Copperfield and The Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey Circus. Riverdance - The Show was also one of the 50 highest grossing events of the year, making the list eight times ahead of such superstars as Elton John and Garth Brooks.

Composed by Bill Whelan, produced by Moya Doherty and directed by John McColgan, Riverdance - The Show continues to play to sold-out houses all over the world. The show is presently booked into the year 2000 and beyond and will soon play Mexico, Japan, Denmark and Norway. The U.S. tours will continue indefinitely.

Riverdance - The Show was originally conceived as a spectacular seven-minute intermission entertainment for the 1994 Eurovision Song Contest televised throughout Europe to an audience of over 300 million viewers. Following the success of that performance, producer Moya Doherty, composer Bill Whelan, and director John McColgan, expanded the piece into a full-length stage production.

Riverdance - The Show had its world premiere at the Point Theatre, Dublin, in February, 1995, where it opened to unanimous critical acclaim. The show made its U.S. debut at Radio City Music Hall in March, 1996, where it played eight sold-out performances, and in 1997 won the Grammy Award for "Best Musical Show Album." To date, over six million people world-wide have seen Riverdance - The Show live. In addition, more than six million people have purchased video versions of the show.

For information on upcoming performances at the Civic Auditorium in Portland, call 503/241-1407.

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Riverdance is a celebration of Irish music, song and dance, is currently running throughout August until September 5<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Auditorium (SW 3<sup>rd</sup> and Clay).

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