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Presents

Béla Fleck and the Flecktones
The Original Line-up
on Friday, November 18 at 8pm
at Sanders Theatre

(Boston) Celebrity Series of Boston will present **Béla Fleck and the Flecktones – The Original Line-up** on Friday, November 18, 2011 at 8pm at Sanders Theatre, Memorial Hall, Harvard University, 45 Quincy Street, Cambridge.

Tickets are priced at \$54, \$47 and \$40, and are available by calling CelebrityCharge at (617) 482-6661 Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., online at www.celebrityseries.org or at the Harvard Box Office, Holyoke Center, 1350 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge.

This is the **Celebrity Series of Boston** debut for Béla Fleck and the Flecktones.

Born in New York City, Béla Fleck began playing the banjo at the age of 15, and in 1982, joined the progressive bluegrass band New Grass Revival as he was releasing a series of solo albums for Rounder Records at the same time. In 1989, he formed the Flecktones, who made their self-titled debut recording in 1990 by playing a "blu-bop" mix of jazz and bluegrass. He is also the only musician to be nominated for Grammys in jazz, bluegrass, pop, country, spoken word, Christian, composition and world music categories.

The Flecktones consists of members Béla Fleck, Roy "Futureman" Wooten, Howard Levy and Victor Wooten. Futureman is an inventor, scientist, musician, composer and two-time Grammy Award winning performer. He has invented two instruments including the Drumitar and the RoyEL. Howard Levy is a diatonic harmonica player and owns his own record label, Balkan Samba Records. He has appeared on hundreds of CDs, won a Grammy (1997), won a Joseph Jefferson Award (1986) for Best Original Music for a Play and has performed on American and European television and radio. He has also frequently a guest on Garrison Keillor's *A Prairie Home Companion*. Victor Wooten is a bassist for the Flecktones, as well as a composer, arranger, producer, vocalist and multi-instrumentalist. He began his professional music career at the age of 5, touring with his family band. He also started a solo-career in 1996 with his album *A Show of Hands*, and most recently released *Soul Circus* in 2005.

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Formed in 1989 with these four original members, the group changed as Levy left and was replaced by Jeff Coffin. When Coffin left to join the *Dave Matthews Band* in 2008, the band took a break, but reunited in 2009, with the original group, for a tour throughout the US and Europe. They finished a new album in 2011 titled *Rocket Science*.

The program selections will be announced from the stage.

About Celebrity Series of Boston

The Celebrity Series of Boston is New England's leading presenter of music, dance and the performing arts from around the world. Now in its 73rd season, the Celebrity Series brings performances by instrumental and vocal soloists, orchestras and chamber ensembles, dance companies, jazz, folk and ethnic artists and ensembles to Boston's major concert halls. Through the Arts, Education and Community Program, the Celebrity Series reaches thousands of youngsters annually with opportunities to experience and participate in the performing arts through concerts, workshops and the award-winning AileyCamp Boston, an intensive six-week summer dance program for Boston middle school students. For more information on Celebrity Series of Boston, call (617) 482-2595 or visit us online at www.celebrityseries.org.

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