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Olivia Reinforces Strength of Women's Music and Celebrates History Aboard Scandinavia Cruise

Legendary Women's Musicians, Meg Christian and Cris Williamson, to Appear Together for the First Time in Twenty Years

OAKLAND, Calif. — April 29, 2002 — Celebrating 30 years of community through music and travel, Olivia Cruises & Resorts, the nation's premier lesbian travel provider, today announced that singers Meg Christian and Cris Williamson will reunite for the first time in over 20 years. The two musicians, both pioneers of women's music and widely credited with leading the breakthrough of their genre during the 1970's and 1980's, will perform aboard the Olivia Cruises & Resorts upcoming Scandinavia and Northern Europe cruise scheduled from August 14-21, 2002. Olivia Records, its parent company and the first grassroots independent label in the nation solely dedicated to women's music, has released over 40 albums, including albums by Christian and Williamson and has sold over one million records. Blending music with travel, Olivia and its artists have been credited for creating an outlet for female musicians long before the market existed.

"Meg and Cris represent an entire generation of music and activism that paved the way for today's successful female musicians. Together they created a path for women's music during a time when it wasn't recognized," said Judy Dlugacz, Founder, President and Chairman of the Board of Olivia. "This cruise signifies a major milestone for Olivia as we celebrate the movement that began 30 years ago. The Meg and Cris reunion is a way of thanking the legions of fans that have supported them throughout the last three decades."

Icons of the lesbian-feminist movement, Christian and Williamson have experienced

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long and critically acclaimed musical careers. The duo last performed together in 1983 in two sold-out shows at Carnegie Hall. The concert became, up to that point, the highest grossing event in the Hall's history.

"Performing with Meg again is a dream come true, not just for me but for all of those who supported us in the early days of Olivia," said Cris Williamson while on tour in New York City. "Our music changed people's lives and created a safe environment for women to begin living free and open. When we play together in August it will be thirty years of feminist history being told in one night."

Williamson's album, *The Changer and the Changed* launched her career 27 years ago and remains one of the best-selling independent releases of all time. As one of the most sought after performers on the acoustic circuit, Williamson continues to tour, has released 17 albums and is the subject of several documentaries about the roots of women's music. Christian, best known in women's music for her groundbreaking albums *I Know You Know* and *Face the Music*, has since retired from music to pursue a spiritual path of Siddha Yoga and has made no public appearances until now.

Olivia Cruises & Resort's Scandinavia and Northern Europe trip will depart on August 14, 2002 aboard Orient Lines' Marco Polo. The trip starts in Stockholm, Sweden and will stop in Helsinki, Finland; St. Petersburg, Russia; and Tallinn, Estonia. Appropriately the cruise ends in Copenhagen, Denmark—the first country in the world to recognize same-sex marriage. Like all Olivia Cruises, the staff to guest ratio is high and the level of service and customization to each traveler's needs has become an Olivia hallmark. In addition to Christian and Williamson's appearances, other onboard entertainers include: comedian's Suzanne Westenhoefer and Vickie Shaw; Irish duo phenomenon Zrazy; and pop, jazz and blues diva Suede.

"When Meg and Cris step onstage together it will be magic," said Dlugacz. "Meg is joining us for this historic journey. It truly is a once in a lifetime event."

About Olivia Cruises & Resorts

Created out of the success of Olivia Records, Olivia Cruises & Resorts is the nation's oldest and largest lesbian tour operator with over 6,000 land and sea based travelers annually. In 2003, Olivia will celebrate 30 years of creating memories and magic for women through music and travel.

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