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After a rich 78-year history, the Board of Directors for the Flathead Community Concerts Association doing business as Flathead Valley Live on Stage (FVLOS), a completely volunteer run organization, has decided that the time has come to close its doors. This season, the 2016-2017 season, will be the last. The decision was made due to being unable to secure enough volunteer help and financial support to make another season viable. The formal announcement was made to the audience following the Alina Kiryayeva piano concert on the evening of March 23rd.

FVLOS has been in the business of providing high-quality, affordable entertainment to Flathead Valley residents since 1939 because of many civic-minded members, donors, and sponsors throughout the years.. Through the dedication of volunteers past and present, an eclectic mix of performers ranging from jazz, classical, pops/Americana, Celtic, world music, and more were presented for the community's enjoyment. During that time, the Flathead valley has changed dramatically, affecting both finances and volunteerism. It is no longer a sleepy rural community with limited entertainment choices, but now has many choices when it comes to spending entertainment dollars and personal time.

After a 78-year civic commitment to the Flathead, FVLOS plans a soft landing and a celebration of their long and rich history by presenting their final concert on April 19th, at 7:30 pm - the world-renowned Celtic music and dance group, Cherish the Ladies. This group of all-female musicians brings a few outstanding male dancers to complement the show. Due to the popularity of this group, single ticket purchasers are urged to buy tickets early. They are available online at the website www.flatheadvalleyliveonstage.org. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the show, beginning at 6:00 PM, with festival seating. Doors to the show will open at 7:00 PM. For questions, call David or Patti at 837-1026 or Betsy at 752-0605.