

PRESS RELEASE

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**MAGPIE
LONG TAIL RECORDS
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With a career that has spanned forty years, Magpie has traveled the globe, bringing its unique sound and breathtaking versatility to audiences everywhere. Award-winning recording artists, songwriters, musical historians, and social activists, Greg Artzner and Terry Leonino always promise a presentation that is highly entertaining as well as provocative and deeply moving.

NAMES OF ARTISTS AND INSTRUMENTATION:

Greg Artzner-vocals, harmony vocals, guitar, English concertina

Terry Leonino-vocals, harmony vocals, harmonica, mandolin, dulcimer, guitar, hand drum, Native American flute.

DESCRIPTION OF MAGPIE'S MUSIC:

Magpie performs various folk music styles, including traditional, classic blues, country, jazz, and Celtic, as well as songs by musical heroes and "she-roes" including Phil Ochs, Pete Seeger, Woody Guthrie, Jean Ritchie, Tom Paxton, Buffy St. Marie, etc., (a list too long to name all!).

MAGPIE also writes and sings songs they have written, many of historical, cultural, and social interest, and with a large selection of songs focusing on Civil Rights and the environment.

Terry and Greg's sound is that of two very strong voices, one female, one male, in powerful leads and two-part harmony, accompanied principally by Greg's virtuoso guitar arrangements, embellished by excellent complement from Terry's second guitar, harmonica, mandolin, and dulcimer. Theirs is a powerful sound, full of passion and fire, with a tremendous range and versatility.

AWARDS & DISTINCTION:

With a career that spans four decades, Magpie has won three Washington Area Music Association "WAMMIE" AWARDS in 1998, 2000, and 2001 for BEST TRADITIONAL FOLK DUO.

In 2004 the World Folk Music Association presented them with the John Denver Memorial Award for music and environmental activism.

Their play and song cycle *SWORD OF THE SPIRIT* has been featured on NPR (National Public Radio) and performed in many places around the country after it's debut at HARPERS FERRY NATIONAL PARK for their JOHN BROWN 2000 commemoration.

Their song *Take Me Back to Harpers Ferry*, received the 1999 ADDY AWARD for best song of the year.

Their other play, a musical entitled *TALES OF THE BLUE CRAB*, has been featured at the SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION at Smithsonian's DISCOVERY THEATRE and as part of their Festival of American Folk Life.

Terry & Greg have performed in innumerable other concert halls, theatres, museums and schools across the country.

RECENT RELEASES AND FEATURES:

The album, *Of Changes and Dreams*, was released in the fall, 2013 on SLICED BREAD RECORDS. *In This World* was released in fall, 2008. Magpie also released their collection of Civil War classics and original songs in 2012, entitled *The Civil War: Songs and Stories Untold*. In summer of 2005, Musicians United to Sustain the Environment & the Rachel Carson Council released Greg & Terry's compilation *Songs for the Earth: a Tribute to Rachel Carson*.

Terry has been recently featured in *DULCIMER PLAYERS NEWS* including the front cover photo and feature article on her and Magpie, as well as tablature for *Take Me Back to Harpers Ferry*.

Other notable songs by Magpie that have been often sung in national and international protest marches and rallies, sung in jails, on picket lines, in churches, and used in today's modern Civil Rights and environmental protection movements are: *Give Light* and *We Belong to the Earth*.

WEB-LINK: www.magpiemusic.com