

MARY JANE LAMOND & WENDY MacISAAC

will be performing
at 8PM on Wednesday, October 1st
at Lamorinda Music
81 Lafayette Circle
Lafayette, CA
in a rare intimate performance
(70 seat capacity)



On Cape Breton Island, the rich heritage of the region's Highland settlers was kept alive through music, songs, and stories. It was in Nova Scotia, while visiting her grandparents throughout her youth, that **Mary Jane Lamond** fell in love with Scottish Gaelic traditions and song. While enrolled in Saint Francis Xavier University's Celtic Studies program, Mary Jane released her first album, *Bho Thir Nan Craobh*, a collection of traditional material that introduced her unique singing voice and, then unknown fiddler, Ashley MacIsaac. She has continued to dedicate her musical career to the preservation of Scottish Gaelic songs and has garnered numerous JUNO and ECMA award nominations, critical acclaim, and a worldwide audience for her efforts. Mary Jane's four recordings create a respectful and beautiful framework for ancient Gaelic songs and her spell binding performances make these selections truly come alive.

Wendy MacIsaac is an award-winning fiddler, piano player and step dancer from Creignish, Cape Breton. A born performer, she began appearing publicly at age 5 as a step dancer. At age 12, she began fiddle lessons with Stan Chapman. By age fifteen, Wendy was playing dances all over Cape Breton Island, forming the sound that makes her so recognizable today. With five records to her credit – the most recent *Variations* with her Cape Breton Celtic Supergroup, **Beolach** – she is a favourite with traditional audiences everywhere. Wendy has toured all over the world as a solo performer, and with The Rankins, Mary Jane Lamond, Ashley MacIsaac and Beolach.

This is a powerful collaboration borne of a long-time friendship and a shared love of Celtic music. Whether it's the mesmerizing Gaelic vocals of Mary Jane, or the superb and true musicianship of Wendy on the fiddle, these ladies have been making their mark with traditional audiences worldwide for over two decades. Mary Jane and Wendy have both been recognized internationally for their solo music careers, and Wendy has been Mary Jane's steadfast comrade in the presentation of her music for many years. It seems only natural that these two impressive talents now come together to create a true musical partnership, which will combine their musical sensibilities, their strong Celtic roots, and their colorful personalities. Earlier this year (2014), Mary Jane and Wendy won the ECMA (Canadian East Coast Music Awards) for "Recording of the Year" for their joint recording "Seinn".

Mary Jane and Wendy will be accompanied by percussionist Cathy Porter & guitarist Seph Peters.

"Lamond has a gorgeous voice and an unequaled mastery of the Gaelic tongue. MacIsaac has for years been one of Cape Breton's strongest and most reliable fiddlers. Together, they are a force to be reckoned with – a long-standing blending of talents that has continued to grow, develop and strengthen through the years ... and has never failed to satisfy." – *Rambles*

A donation of \$20 – \$25 (sliding scale) per person is requested at the door. Advance tickets (\$25 including Paypal fees) are available by credit or debit card via Paypal at http://www.sgreenberg.org/concert_tickets.htm. Alternatively, email reservations@sgreenberg.org for details on sending a check through the post.