

GERRY O'CONNOR & RICHARD MANDEL

will be performing at a House Concert in BERKELEY
on Sunday, May 13th at 7:30PM



Legendary Irish fiddler Gerry O'Connor with guitar accompanist Richard Mandel will be performing at an intimate house concert in Berkeley!

Gerry O'Connor's fiddling is amazing. I first saw his incredible fiddle playing when he was the fiddler with the great Irish band Lá Lugh, which I had a good fortune of seeing several times at Celtic Connections in Glasgow. However, that's only a small part of what he has done over the years. This duo collaboration should be amazing and not to be missed!

From an early age, Gerry was involved in both Irish music and dance, winning numerous All Ireland titles. Playing with Michael Coleman's contemporary John Joe Gardiner in the 1970's formed Gerry's fiddle style, focusing on the fluid and ornamented lyrical playing of the great Sligo masters. His own background in step-dancing translates into the vibrant pulsating dance music for which he is noted. He has played and recorded with such highly-regarded groups as Lá Lugh and Skylark, recording 4 CDs with these bands. He has also recorded and toured with members of many legendary Irish bands including Planxty, Bothy Band, De Dannan, Boys of the Lough, and The Chieftains. Lá Lugh's CD 'Brigid's Kiss' won Album of the Year 1996 from Irish Music Magazine. Gerry's solo album 'Journeyman' made it into the Irish Times' top 5 albums of the year in 2004. In 2006, his live album 'In Concert', recorded with Gilles le Bigot, was a celebration of the cultural links between Ireland and Brittany. From 2006 to the present, Gerry has recorded and performed in numerous other collaborations. Gerry's discography is too extensive to summarize here, but it can be perused at <https://www.gerryoconnor.net/discography>.

As a first-call guitar accompanist, Richard Mandel has performed and toured with legendary Irish musicians including Paddy Keenan, Jimmy Keane, Mick Maloney, Paddy O'Brien, Tony DeMarco, and many others. He is also a member of the Bay Area Irish band Three Mile Stone (with mandolinist Marla Fibish and fiddler Erin Shrader).

Admission: \$20 advance/\$22 door. All proceeds go to the performers. Reservations required.
For reservations, information, & directions: e-mail reservations@sgreenberg.org or call 510-644-2135.