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DÁITHÍ SPROULE & LAURA MACKENZIE
In Concert, Celebrating the Release of Their New Recording
“THE PINERY”

New Music Arts artists and **2009 Bush Artist Fellows** **Dáithí Sproule** and **Laura MacKenzie** will perform selections from their new recording **“The Pinery”** (**New Folk Records**) on **Friday, July 17, 2009** at **The Celtic Junction**, 836 Prior Ave N, St. Paul.

Dáithí Sproule, well-known for his pioneering guitar styles, deep knowledge of Irish song and his place in the internationally acclaimed Irish supergroup Altan, is a brilliant musician and virtual font of cultural knowledge and lore. **Laura MacKenzie** has been recognized as a master folk artist, and has received numerous honors and awards for her dedication and work in traditional music. **Sproule and MacKenzie** have been making music together since the days of the Northern Star Ceili Band, and now offer their first duo recording, featuring a rich gamut of traditional Irish and Scottish music plus Sproule’s original compositions.

“The Pinery” is truly a duet creation, throughout the instrumentals (airs, reels, jigs, double hornpipes) and the songs. MacKenzie’s arsenal of wind-powered instruments (flutes, whistles, pipes, and concertina) are all featured, joined by Sproule’s fresh and innovative guitar accompaniments and solos. They are both esteemed singers as well, and will be sharing from their treasure trove of traditional song in concert.

Their **special guest** will be accordionist and world champion Irish dancer **Cormac Ó Sé**. Ó Sé toured with the original production of Riverdance, and now teaches Irish dance in St. Paul.

What: CD Release Concert
Who: Dáithí Sproule & Laura MacKenzie, with special guest Cormac Ó Sé
When: Friday, July 17, 2009, 7:30 PM
Where: The Celtic Junction
836 Prior Avenue N
St. Paul, MN
Tickets: \$12 at the door
Press Info: New Music Arts
612.353.6592

For Dáithí Sproule:

“A seminal figure in Irish music” --*The Rough Guide to Irish Music*

“One of Irish music’s greatest guitar accompanists” --*Steve Winick, All Music Guide*

For Laura MacKenzie:

“Celtic music wizard” --*Minneapolis Star Tribune*

“High priestess of Celtic music” --*Minnesota Public Radio*

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