



Sunspot Concerts at the Lyceum

Aoife Clancy & Robbie O'Connell

Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011, 8 PM

The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St, Alexandria, VA

\$22 advance/\$25 door

Aoife Clancy and her cousin Robbie O'Connell carry on the tradition of the Clancy brothers. Aoife is from the small town of Carrick-on-Suir. Her father Bobby Clancy, of the legendary Clancy Brothers, placed a guitar in her hands at age ten, and by age fourteen she was playing with her father in nearby pubs. The Boston Globe describes Robbie O'Connell as "a writer of timeless-sounding, emotionally powerful and often hilarious songs" and places him "among the most respected guitarists, singer and songwriters in Celtic music." Visit Aoife's web site: www.aoifeclancy.com. See video on the Sunspot website.



John Doyle with Niall & Cillian Vallely

Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011, 8 PM

The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St, Alexandria, VA

\$25 advance/\$29 door



John Doyle, a founding member of the Irish group Solas, is renowned as one of the most talented accompanists performing in either the Irish or Appalachian traditions. Niall Vallely was a founding member of the well-known group Nomos. He has performed with piping great Paddy Keenan, bluegrass legend Tim O'Brien and Irish singer Karan Casey. Cillian Vallely is a master of chanter, drones and regulators, and of all the accents and moods of the traditional piping idiom. He tours with the group Lúnasa.

Visit John's website at www.johndoylemusic.com. See video on the Sunspot website.

Nicola Joyce and Noelie McDonnell

Saturday, March 5, 2011, 8 PM

The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St, Alexandria, VA

\$25 advance/\$29 door

Nicola Joyce, lead singer with the award-winning Irish band Grada, is working with songwriter Noelie McDonnell on a project called *PoetSong*, the poetry of the great Irish poets set to music. As vocalist and bodhran player with the Irish band Grada, Nicola has toured in 26 countries, playing 150 shows a year in venues from Dublin's National Concert Hall and The Royal Glasgow Concert Hall to the Sydney Opera House. Grada's album *Natural Angle* was chosen by NPR as one of the five best folk albums of 2010. See video on the Sunspot website.



Coming in the fall: Solo performances by Bruce Molsky and Jim Malcolm.

Tickets available at www.sunspotpro.com

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About the Concerts

Sunspot showcases musicians from the United States and around the globe, representing all styles of traditional and contemporary folk music. Sunspot shows feature musicians who often perform as part of larger groups in larger venues, who have an independent career after leaving another group or who are just beginning their careers. Each show is presented in an intimate setting that allows the performers and audiences to enjoy a close connection not possible in larger venues.

The concerts take place in Old Town Alexandria. Sunspot's primary venue is the 130-seat Lecture Hall at The Lyceum, Alexandria's city museum, which lends its historic atmosphere to the presentation of traditional music. With no seat more than six rows from the stage, The Lyceum provides an ideal meeting place for artists and audiences to share a unique musical experience.

For additional information, including driving, parking and Metro directions, visit the Sunspot website at www.sunspotpro.com.

Ordering Tickets

Order tickets through the Sunspot web site: www.sunspotpro.com. We are a volunteer organization, so we do not have a box-office staff to take orders. If you cannot use the web site, you can purchase advance tickets at any Sunspot show, or call 800 404-9049 to request that we contact you by phone.

To maintain the security of your personal information, we use a ticketing agency for on-line ticket orders. The ticketing agency adds a service charge to each ticket purchase. The service charge is paid to the ticketing agency and is not part of our ticket price

Past Sunspot Shows

Irish singer **Karan Casey** • Scottish fiddler **Alasdiar Fraser** with **Natalie Haas** • Irish-American singer **Cathie Ryan** • American banjo master **Tony Trischka** • Connemara fiddlers **The Kane Sisters** • Irish singer and guitarist **John Doyle** • New England fiddler **Lissa Schneckenburger** • **Four Fabulous Fiddlers** (Jake Armerding, Hanneke Cassel, Laura Cortese & Jeremy Kittel) • Vocal trio **Sometymes Why** (Kristin Andreassen, Aoife O'Donovan & Ruth Ungar) • **Old School Freight Train** • Anglo-Irish band **Flook** • Irish singer **Aoife Clancy** • Irish fiddler and National Heritage Fellow **Kevin Burke with Ged Foley** • **Boulder Acoustic Society** • Scottish singer **Jim Malcolm** • Americana musicians **Kristin Andreassen & Mark Schatz** • National Heritage Fellow **Liz Carroll and John Doyle** • Wammie-winners **Jennifer Cutting's Ocean Orchestra** • **The Hedge Band** • **The Wiyos** • American folksingers **Sarah Lee Guthrie & Johnny Irion** • Irish masters **Mick Moloney & Athena Tergis** • Scottish singer **Emily Smith** • **Susan McKeown** • **Kevin Crawford & Cillian Vallely** • **Martin Hayes & Dennis Cahill** • **Red Molly** • **Maeve Gilchrist & Marta Cook**

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