THE WISCONSIN UNION THEATER PRESENTS A NIGHT OF IRISH MUSIC WITH KARAN CASEY AND JOHN DOYLE

Irish music virtuosos Karan Casey and John Doyle will perform in The Sett at Union South on Saturday, March 2nd at 8PM. Tickets are $22 for the General Public, $18 for Memorial Union Members, UW-Madison Faculty and Staff, and students in other schools. This is a Family Savings Event, and tickets for Youth under 18 are only $14 with the purchase of an adult ticket—limit 2 youth tickets per adult ticket. Youth and adult tickets must be purchased at the same time, and age will be verified at the door. Tickets for UW Madison students are only $10 with valid ID. Call the Box Office at 608-265-ARTS (2787), buy online, or purchase in person at the Campus Arts Ticketing box office in Vilas Hall, 821 University Ave. Please note that there is a Men’s Basketball game this evening, so allow extra time to find parking.
Irish musicians [Karan Casey and John Doyle](#) started performing together as part of the Irish supergroup [Solas](#). Since leaving to pursue solo careers, Casey and Doyle have collaborated on two albums, and they frequently perform together. Doyle is an accomplished, left-handed guitarist whom the *Chicago Tribune* has described as “a rhythm section all on his own.” He currently tours with Joan Baez as her musical director. Karan Casey is an Irish folk singer who has studied both classical and jazz music. While a student in Dublin, she regularly performed in bistros, but hit it big with *Solas* in the US. Billboard.com has described Casey as a singer of “great and glorious subtlety who can communicate emotions with a dazzling range.”

Their latest release, *Exiles Return*, is, according to Casey, an attempt to “push back a bit,” and to let the music shine through the spare arrangements. As she acknowledges, “You have to be a lot more confident in your playing and singing to take an honest, direct, simple approach. You can't hide anywhere. It's a very exposed album.” While other musicians would balk at performing such raw music, Karan Casey and John Doyle do it both effortlessly and beautifully.

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