



Courtesy: Natalie MacMaster & Donnell Leahy

VISIONS FROM CAPE BRETON AND BEYOND: A CELTIC FAMILY CELEBRATION

Natalie MacMaster & Donnell Leahy

PROGRAM

There will be an intermission.

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Saturday, March 11 @ 8 PM

Zellerbach Theatre

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy have been married for twelve years and make their home in the village of Douro, Ontario where they farm, make music and raise their six children: Mary Frances (10), Michael (8), Clare (7), Julie (5), Alec (3) and Sadie (2).

Both born into musical families, MacMaster and Leahy entered into their musical careers naturally. Hailing from Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, MacMaster received her first fiddle at the age of nine, launching a career that has lasted for over 30 years. Her first recording was released when she was only 16 and she has never looked back. With amazing dedication to her craft, MacMaster has received numerous awards in the U.S. and Canada, recognizing both her musical talent and importance to Cape Breton's fiddling tradition and international profile. MacMaster wows her audiences with stylistic diversity without losing the traditional Cape Breton groove. Although her stage presence is reason enough to see one of her shows, it is the elegance with the bow, the intricate technique with the fiddle and the embrace of the Cape Breton tradition that thrills her admirers at countless shows every year.

Honing his remarkable talent since the age of three, Leahy has literally spent his entire life with a fiddle in his hand. His initial skills were learned at home from his parents – a fiddle-playing father from Ontario and a step-dancing mother from Cape Breton. With a well-trained ear, it is no surprise that, as the musical leader and front-man of Leahy for over 15 years, his own style emerged; some even say he even created a new genre of music known simply as “Leahy.” Combined with his mesmerizingly strident, exultant and high-energy performances, this style has become Donnell Leahy's musical signature.

MacMaster and Leahy have combined their incredible individual talents, with their Visions Of Cape Breton & Beyond tour. The tour gives audiences insight into the remarkable places, people, and culture that has shaped their lives, music and family resulting in a remarkable musical experience.