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CATHY FINK & MARCY MARXER

American Roots & Branches

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TWO-TIME GRAMMY® Winners

"As close to flawless folk/bluegrass as it gets..."

-Billboard Magazine

TWO-TIME GRAMMY® Award Winners, Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer are master musicians with a career spanning over 45 years. Their superb harmonies are backed by instrumental virtuosity on the guitar, five-string banjo, ukulele, mandolin, cello-banjo, and more. Their repertoire ranges from classic country to western swing, jazz manouche to bluegrass, and old-time string band to contemporary folk including original gems and viral hits.

Cathy & Marcy have performed at hundreds of bluegrass and folk festivals and taught at at least one hundred music camps worldwide. Happily known as "social music conductors" ready to start a jam session, a community sing, or create a music camp helping others learn to play and sing, the duo's past students include Kaki King and Rhiannon Giddens.

They have performed with Pete Seeger, Theodore Bikel, Tom Paxton, Patsy Montana, Riders in the Sky, and a wide range of musical luminaries. They have entertained the Queen of Thailand, been keynote singers for the AFL-CIO, appeared on the "Today Show" and on National Public Radio. The Washington Area Music Association has recognized the duo with over 60 WAMMIE Awards for folk, bluegrass, and children's music.

The duo has toured worldwide, from Japan to New Zealand, Vancouver to New York, South Africa to Israel and everywhere in between. American Voices Abroad chose Cathy & Marcy with to perform in China, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu as cultural ambassadors for the U.S. Department of State. They are the Artistic Directors of the annual Ukefest at the Music Center at Strathmore (started in 2008). Cathy was co-curator of the "Say Sister" festival at the Creative Alliance in Baltimore, and a co-curator of the "I've Endured: Women in Old-Time Music" exhibit at the Birthplace of Country Music Museum and now traveling.

Their catalogue includes fifty-three albums and over twenty instructional online courses, Cathy & Marcy earned GRAMMY® Awards for their recordings "cELLAbration: a Tribute to Ella Jenkins": and "Bon Appetit!: Musical Food Fun". Their CD's "Postcards" and "Banjo Talkin" were GRAMMY® nominated in the Best Traditional Folk Album category.

"Virtuosity and storytelling unite."

- The London Free Press (London, Ontario)

"Possibly the most popular act of the weekend was the duo Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer, who held a capacity crowd spellbound."

-Western Leader, Auckland, NZ

SELECTED APPEARANCES

- Mountain Stage (NPR)
- Merlefest (NC)
- Metropolitan Museum of Art (NY)
- Philadelphia Folk Festival (PA)
- Wintergrass (WA)
- Club Passim (MA)
- Blue Ridge Music Center (VA)
- Music Center at Strathmore (MD)
- Smithsonian Institution (DC)
- Torrance Cultural Arts Center (CA)
- Musical Instrument Museum (AZ)
- Winnipeg Folk Festival (CA)
- Port Fairy Folk Festival (Australia)
- Monopole Ukefest (Italy)



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"They are spellbinding acoustic musicians, with a rare mastery of American roots styles. Parents will be as entertained by the sublime musicianship and droll lyricism as kids are by all the musical mischief." -The Boston Globe



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CATHY FINK & MARCY MARXER PROGRAM OFFERINGS



DUO CONCERT

Enjoy an eclectic mix of the duo's favorite original and traditional folk, old time country, and swing tunes, featuring superb vocal harmonies and dazzling instrumentals. Their consummate musicianship is matched by their enthusiasm for group singing, song leading, and inspiring people of all ages to get in on the fun. Cathy & Marcy intersperse stories of the places they've visited and the incredible people they've met along the way such as Ola Belle Reed, Patsy Montana (first woman in country music to sell one million records), Lily Mae Ledford, Roy Smeck, and many more musical mentors.



FROM CHINA TO APPALACHIA

The Silk Road meets Appalachia and beyond in a virtuosic trio touted by NPR, BBC and NBC Nightly News.

EPK and Videos



GRAMMY®-WINNING FAMILY CONCERTS

Cathy & Marcy are trailblazers in children's music and have been connecting families through music for over forty-five years. Thousands of shows in performing arts centers, schools, folk festivals, community centers, libraries, and children's festivals have given Cathy & Marcy the superb skills to deliver a show that is fun, wacky, energetic, participatory, and meaningful. From an "Air Guitar" band to yodeling lessons, sing-able tongue twisters and American Sign Language, their shows bring families together and allow kids to have fun and learn at the same time.

FAMILY CONCERT LIVE AT THE KENNEDY CENTER - 8 minute reel



CATHY & MARCY'S OLD TIME COALITION

Fiddle, Banjo, Guitar, Bass, Percussive Dance and Social Music. Concerts, square dances, workshops – a festival in one band! 4-5 piece band.

WEBSITE YOUTUBE PLAYLIST



ALL WIGGED OUT - THE MUSICAL (FILM & LIVE PROGRAM)

ALL WIGGED OUT is poignant, yet surprisingly hilarious, musical show about Marcy Marxer's Breast Cancer experience. There are many threads in the film – the power of hope, the power of love and patient advocacy and the hilarious scene about "Unsolicited Advice" The show traces Marcy's experience from virtuoso musician to the neuropathy that kept her from playing music, and back to virtuoso. Cathy & Marcy show the film (60 minutes) followed by Q&A and live music. They are happy to work with all venues- PACS, Community Centers, Cancer Support groups, etc.

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