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Maine's premier Celtic folk duo, Castlebay, will be performing at _____ o'clock on _____ at _____.

"What's Castlebay all about? Seafaring, the darkness and lightness of the coast of Maine, the rhythm of the tides", says Peter Spectre, marine author.

Castlebay treats the audience to a musical journey through time and across the Atlantic. blending the timeless traditions of Maine's nautical legacy and it's poignant Celtic heritage. Both Julia Lane and Fred Gosbee are fine, expressive vocalists as well as talented instrumentalists, delivering songs with emotion, exuberance and both traditional and contemporary musical sensibilities. Celtic harp, guitar, fiddle, and woodwinds are used ensemble and as vocal support. Having a deep appreciation for the unique character of their home state of Maine, as well as the Celtic lands, Castlebay weaves history, legend and experience into their personable performance style.

"Julia Lane and Fred Gosbee shared more than their talent with our audience. They shared as well their keen sense for Maine humor and their love for the music they perform."-The uNi Coffeeshouse, Springfield, MA

Since 1984 Castlebay has created a body of work which celebrates Maine's maritime heritage and environment. Known for their intelligent arrangements of traditional music, they have also received critical praise for their evocative original compositions; Gosbee for his finely crafted narrative ballads and Lane for her imagery and beautiful melodies. In the time-honored art of meaningful songwriting, they give new voice to an ancient tradition. Many of their songs have as themes the lives of those who live by the sea, not only the deep water sailors, but also the shipwrights, coasters, fisherman and their wives. These are the people who established Maine as a maritime legend and who continue to build that legend with their daily lives of skill, hard work and pride. Among their two dozen recording releases, Lane and Gosbee have written, recorded and produced two albums of completely original music- Song of the Sea and The Ballad of Cappy John.

Castlebay performs frequently at festivals, museums, schools and folk clubs both at home and abroad including the International Festival of the Sea (Bristol & Portsmouth, England , Leith, Scotland) The Edinburgh Folk Festival, Scotland, Bethlehem Musikfest,PA; Mystic Seaport,CT; St Mary's City, MD as well as local events such as Windjammer Days, OPSail 2000, Wooden Boat Festival and the Maine Lobster Festival. They have presented workshops on maritime life and music to thousands of children and adults on both sides of the Atlantic. Their music has been used on Turner Broadcasting's "Portrait of America" series.

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