



Siusan O'Rourke & Zig Zeitler - Biography

Purveyors of traditional & original Irish music, Siusan and Zig bring tradition to the stage and deliver arrangements of time worn songs that make them new favorites of today's audiences. Ballads that are brought to life with story and humor, upbeat Irish American songs of the Tin Pan Alley days and original songs written in the Irish tradition are all to be remembered in an evening of great performance by this duo.

Siusan, second generation Irish American, from Brooklyn, New York, possesses a rare, rich alto voice that is enveloping beyond the emotion of the songs she performs. Her warm, inviting presence fills the stage allowing her to bridge time and cultures through music, stories and wit. She leaves venues and those attending, feeling as though they had experienced an evening with her on a very personal level. Adding to this she is a voracious and accomplished writer, winning over audiences that cross the genre boundaries of Traditional Irish, Celtic, Folk and Americana Roots music.

Zig is home grown talent from the farm country of Hemlock Mi. Frequenting The Grand Ole Opry of Nashville as a kid he was drawn to the old lap steel players of the day, cut his teeth on the Blues and Cajun music coming out of the Delta, and has dedicated his life to the performance, teaching and creation of music. With a long history of playing every kind of American Roots music, he is a driving force in flavoring this duo's repertoire and is admired for his dexterous instrumental skills on guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica and the Irish bouzouki, with one of his 22 CDs, devoted to that latter day Celtic instrument. He is called upon frequently as a studio player for many contemporary songwriters and folk performers throughout the Midwest and he is a consummate teacher making him a valuable addition for many festivals, workshops and presentations.

Together this husband and wife duo have been 3-time, committee nominated by the Irish Music Association for Top Duo internationally. Their CD "Chance the Arm" was named Celtic Album of the Year in 2014 by Irish radio, Celtic Echoes. They co-founded the White Crow Conservatory of Music in Saginaw, Michigan and have been fully steeped and involved in the music community as lifelong contributors, hosting radio, founding festivals and creating space for music. But by far and away, the magic happens for them and audiences when they step on stage together.

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