

What happens when a world-class virtuoso guitarist/composer takes the stage with an award-winning singer/songwriter?

# A Journey Songs & Stric

A Modern Musical Adventure Through a World of Traditions



# Meet Michael DeLalla and Andrew McKnight

## You Tube

- "The Seisiun Set"
- "Infinite Loops: See Loops, Infinite"



"DeLalla's greatest talent may be in transcending traditional stylings... music of the most exquisite order."

- All Music Guide

"DeLalla's finger-style guitar genius is akin to that of Tony McManus ...a guitar guru"

- Greenman Review

"With a voice reminiscent of Don McLean, McKnight traverses from old-time Appalachian tunes to contemporary folk and blues, all backed up by his dead-on guitar playing"

- The Boston Globe



# You Tube

- "Dancing in the Rain"
- <u>"Made by Hand"</u>

#### "A Journey in Songs & Strings" Concert

Like one-man theatre from the days of Chautauqua, Andrew crafts his stories into a musical soundscape that traverses such varied influences as Appalachia, tasteful slide and jazzy blues, feisty anthems, rustic folk, American flute and African drum, and even a little fancy flatpicking on a Carter Family tune. Michael's delivery of his compositions and arrangements of traditional tunes gathered worldwide weaves a narrative of his travels and travails found in his varied musical habitats, from a capella kan e diskan in Breton Gaelic to evocations of Japanese koto music. On stage together, Andrew and Michael's stellar guitar work, well-crafted songs, and anecdotes both humorous and poignant weave a magical experience that pays homage to the history, tradition and power that informs their music.

### Workshop "Thriving in the Arts Business: Building a Solid Foundation in Shifting Sands"

The diversity of hats that each artist wears is almost dizzying; composing and recording music for stage and film, performing in a variety of settings, teaching, and writing articles and books. While many other workshops focus on much-discussed tools like social media, Andrew and Michael deliver an engaging presentation on a bigger picture; how those tools serve the building of a sustainable community, focused on the patron experience and developing longterm connections. An invaluable workshop for performing artists, students, presenters and businesses supporting the arts.

#### **Select Past Performances**

Autumn 2015 will be the 12th Songs & Strings tour since 2001, presented at fine venues nationwide including: Swallow Hill (CO) • Notre Dame University (IN) Harmony Hall Arts Center (DC) • Court Square Theatre (VA) • Brewery Arts Center (NV) Roane State College (TN) • Eagle House Theatre (CA) • Spokane Folklore Society (WA)



