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The Program

Music in the Fields

Sunday evening, August 23, 2015, 7:30 pm
Wyoming Valley School Cultural Arts Center
6306 State Hwy 23, Spring Green

featuring

KG AND THE RANGER

Karen Gogolick
Vocals
Banjo and Harmonica

Rick Roltgen
Rhythm Guitar

Angie Otte
Vocals

Tom Otte
Upright Bass

The appearance of KG and the Ranger is underwritten
by Dick Powell and Rite-Way Plaza, Spring Green

The Performers

This evening we take a musical journey through the sagebrush for the final concert of Rural Musicians Forum's 2015 summer concert season. With award-winning cowboy yodelers KG and the Ranger, we saddle up for an imaginative ride to the Old West. Their smooth harmonies will bring back memories of the Sons of The Pioneers, Roy Rogers, Gene Autry and other cowboy stars of the Silver Screen. They will yodel in harmony and keep us entranced with interesting bits of history about the songs they sing.

Karen Gogolick and Rick Roltgen have been bringing the Old West to the Midwest since teaming up as a husband and wife duo in 1989. They met at a community barn dance and brought together more than 20 years of musical experience, from folk music to barbershop, to create their present uniquely Western sound. Known for their harmony singing, harmony yodeling and cowboy humor, they specialize in the songs of the Hollywood cowboys, plus Ranger Rick's exciting trick rope-spinning.

Three times "Harmony Yodeling Champions" (Western Music Association, 2005, 2002, 1999), they have also won numerous other awards for their showmanship and fantastic harmony singing.

In 2001 the Academy of Western Artists nominated them for "Rising Stars" and "Western Music Duo/group", and they were nominated for the WMA's 2002 "Crescendo" award. In 2007, KG was one of five finalists for the Academy of Western Artist's Yodeler of the Year. In 2010 the WMA voted them "Outstanding Entertainer - Duo" of the year.

For this evening's concert, KG & The Ranger's daughter Angie and son-in-law Tom Otte will join in the fun. Angie and Tom live near Fond du Lac, Wisconsin and also perform as the Otte Family Band which includes all three of their children. They each have a long history of musical theater and playing in a variety of bands. This concert features Angie's vocal harmonies and Tom's talents on upright bass to go along with KG's banjo and harmonica and Ranger Rick's rhythm guitar.

KG and the Ranger keep Old West heroes - and their music - alive! Even if you only daydream about the wide open spaces and saddling up Old Paint, this evening is designed to delight.