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JENNIFER KIRKLAND & BERT CARLSON

Get ready for an unforgettable musical conversation featuring jazz, blues, and other American popular music, as vocalist Jennifer Kirkland and guitarist Bert Carlson appear in concert. The dynamic duo of Jennifer Kirkland and Bert Carlson delights audiences with vibrant performances, featuring imaginative arrangements of eclectic tune selections. Their concert programs include jazz standards, music from the great American songbook, blues, and modern popular and rock tunes done in jazz style. The talent and conversational stage presence of this duo combine to provide an engaging, accessible, and entertaining musical experience for audiences of all ages.

Expect the unexpected from these players with backgrounds in a wide variety of musical styles including jazz, blues, rock and roll, bluegrass, and classical. Jennifer Kirkland is best known for her luscious vocals and Bert Carlson for his unique playing style and innovative arrangements. They have each been playing professionally for over 25 and 30 years, respectively, and when they began working together in 2003, their musical chemistry was obvious. Their “dynamic duo” reputation has been growing ever since.

In 2006 they were accepted into the Directory of Touring Artists, a group of elite Virginia musicians whose performances are supported by awards from the Virginia Commission for the Arts. Concert venues include Court Square Theater, Blackfriars Playhouse, Performing Arts Luray, Carnegie Hall (Lewisburg), The Greenbrier Resort, Jazz in the Park, Theater at Lime Kiln, and clubs throughout the Shenandoah Valley and central Virginia. Audio clips from their latest CD release, “Alone Together,” are available online at www.cdbaby.com/cd/kirkland2.

Francis Stout of the Former Folk Arts Revival Society in Rockingham County, Virginia has presented Kirkland and Carlson in concert several times. Stout says, “What sets them apart from many other jazz musicians, I feel, is their drawing on so many styles and worlds of music to reach out to a variety of audiences. This brings jazz to people who may have come in thinking, ‘I don’t think I like jazz,’ but who leave thinking, ‘Wow! That was cool!’”

For more about this duo, go to www.jenniferkirkland.net.