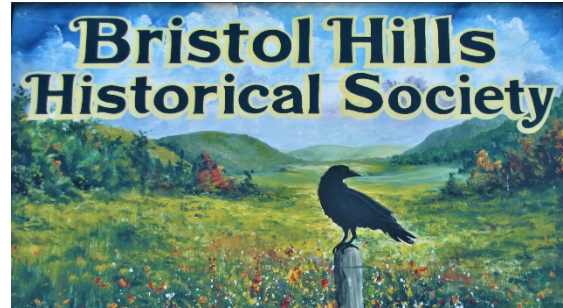


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Renowned Folk Artists Jay and Molly To Perform at Bristol Springs Grange Hall

Internationally acclaimed folk musicians Jay Ungar and Molly Mason, who have performed at the White House, on *Prairie Home Companion*, and on the soundtracks of multiple Ken Burns PBS documentaries, will add a local venue to their résumés on May 30: the century-old Grange Hall in Bristol Springs.

Tickets for the performance, sponsored by the Bristol Hills Historical Society, will go on sale March 29.

The famous duo, whose work *Prairie Home Companion* host Garrison Keillor called “an apotheosis of American traditional music,” have long run Ashokan Fiddle & Dance Camps in the Catskills to teach American music and dance traditions.

Ungar and Mason are perhaps best known for “Ashokan Farewell,” the theme song to Burns’ documentary series *The Civil War*, and for “The Lover’s Waltz,” title track of an album of romantic fiddle music from Appalachian, Scandinavia, Celtic, Klezmer and Swing traditions. The couple is also known for weaving entertaining stories of their lives and music into their performances.

Ungar and Mason have recorded numerous albums of traditional and original fiddle music along with vintage country and jazz. “Ashokan Farewell” has been recorded by dozens of other artists worldwide and most recently was featured on the television series *Yellowstone*.

“The Bristol Hills and the Naples area have a rich tradition of American folk music, and so the Historical Society can think of no better ambassadors to celebrate this tradition than Jay and Molly,” said South Bristol resident John Holtz, the Historical Society board member who arranged for this special performance.

Tickets cost \$50 per person plus service fees. Members of the Bristol Hills Historical Society receive a discounted price of \$40 each. Tickets are available only through the Historical Society’s website, at bristolhillshistory.org, and are limited to eight per purchaser. The Grange Hall’s capacity for this concert is 100 attendees. Net proceeds will benefit the Historical Society.

The Grange Hall has limited parking available and its auditorium, on the building’s second floor, is not handicap-accessible. The Historical Society will announce suggested parking options via its website, Facebook page, and email newsletter.

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Ungar and Mason are online at jayandmolly.com and at facebook.com/jayandmolly. Their website provides numerous audio and video selections of their work.

The Bristol Hills Historical Society was formed in 2020 through the merger of the historical societies of Bristol and South Bristol, N.Y. It cares for two of the region's most distinctive historic buildings, the 1923 Grange Hall in Bristol Springs and the 1846 Methodist Episcopal Church in Bristol Center, both of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The society's website at bristolhillshistory.org and Facebook page at facebook.com/bhhistorical provide calendars of upcoming history presentations and other events, articles on local history, and a convenient way to become an annual donor at levels starting at \$15 for individuals and \$30 for families.

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ATTACHED: Photo of Jay Ungar and Molly Mason

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