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**Celebrating 35 Years of Community Radio,
WGDR Hosts Cindy Kallet, Grey Larsen and Singers of United Lands**

As part of its 35th anniversary celebration, WGDR (91.1 FM) presents noted folk musicians **Cindy Kallet** and **Grey Larsen** in a benefit concert **Friday, June 13 at 7:00 PM** at the Plainfield Town Hall. Admission will be a sliding scale donation request of \$10 - \$20, with no one turned away for lack of funds. The international vocal quartet, Singers of United Lands (SOUL), will play an opening set. Refreshments will be served, and proceeds will benefit WGDR, Central Vermont's non-commercial, listener-supported community radio station

Larsen, Kallet, and the SOUL quartet, joined by Larry Gordon and members of the youth vocal ensemble Village Harmony, will lead a harmony-singing workshop at the Plainfield Town Hall Saturday, June 14, from 10 AM to 3 PM. Suggested admission for this workshop will be sliding scale, \$10-20 at the door.

Cindy Kallet is a superb singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, while Grey Larsen is one of America's finest players of the Irish flute and tin whistle, as well as an accomplished singer and concertina, fiddle, piano and harmonium player. Each has released numerous albums over the past three decades, in addition to their recent collaboration, last year's "Cross the Water" CD.

The duo's repertoire includes Cindy's sparkling original songs, distinctive settings of traditional Irish music, Scandinavian fiddle duets, old-time fiddle and guitar tunes from southern Indiana, and new music that Cindy and Grey are inventing together. There is plenty of variety and breadth of musical territory here, all deeply rooted in folk traditions, and interwoven with the renaissance and baroque counterpoint in which both Cindy and Grey, coincidentally, were immersed while growing up. Included are vocal duets, guitar, Irish flute, Irish alto flute, tin whistle, concertina, harmonium, and duet fiddling, and plenty of stories that put the music into a personal context.

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S.O.U.L. (Singers of United Lands) is a unique quartet comprised of four professional young adult singers, each from a different country. Every year a new team of four singers representing high-quality vocal musicianship, geographical diversity, and enthusiasm for sharing about their respective cultures, is formed to share their native songs and cultures with schools and communities throughout the U.S. and beyond. The Plainfield appearance sees them near the end of a six-month tour around the US.

Ana Rebelo, 24, comes from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil where she works as a vocal coach and sings in a number of choral ensembles as well as the trio "Girls on Broadway" and a duo dedicated to contemporary Brazilian composers.

Lasha Kvetenadze, 30, comes from Caucasus Georgia's capital city Tbilisi. He has advanced degrees in choir and orchestral conducting from the Tbilisi Conservatory, and he works as music teacher and orchestra conductor and directs a modern music ensemble.

Tinashe Mukarati, 23, comes from Harare, Zimbabwe, where he works as an arts and culture specialist at a primary school. In addition to his native Shona language, he speaks Ndebele, Zulu and English, plays saxophone, piano, mbira and marimba, and has conducted a number of choirs.

Lenka Horska, 24, comes from Pardubice in the Czech Republic and has traveled widely through eastern and Western Europe. She works as a social worker and sings in several choirs.

At Saturday's workshop the SOUL singers will each teach a song from their native country, Larry Gordon will teach South African songs and dances, and Kallet /Larsen will lead some improvised harmony explorations. Teaching will be by ear, and singers of any age are welcome.

For more information about the harmony singing workshop, please contact Larry Gordon at 426-3210. For overall information about WGDR and it's 35th Anniversary Celebration series, please contact station manager Greg Hooker at 454-7367, ext.1

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www.wgdr.org

<http://www.cindykallet.com>

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