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### **Willson & McKee Concert at Montana House in Apgar**

The Montana House and the Glacier National Park Fund are pleased to co-host a concert featuring Willson & McKee, a nationally touring duo specializing in original as well as traditional Irish and Scottish acoustic music. They will be performing at 8 pm Friday and Saturday evening, August 17th & 18th at the Montana House in Apgar Village.

Willson & McKee are...two voices with dulcimers, guitars, Irish bouzouki, Celtic Harp, accordion, stories, dances and... FUN!

Rocky Mountain Celtic...what Celtic becomes when it settles comfortably three generations in the west! It is Americans doing what they do best – interpreting their roots music in fresh and original ways! The combination of their Celtic heritage plus their Montana and Colorado roots gives audiences a distinctive musical experience. Original compositions with an ancient sound and traditional pieces are re-dressed in their customized style. This duo, has won repeated honors at the International Songwriting Competition at the Milwaukee Irish Festival, the largest Irish Festival in the World! The combination of blazing instrumentals, warm harmony vocals, a lot of laughter and a ceilidh dance or two translates into...never a dull moment! A Willson & McKee concert is a curiously un-tamed moment in time, gathering past and present...a comfortable and engaging musical evening with friends.

Kim McKee received 15 years of classical training before turning to traditional Irish and Scottish music, 28 years ago. She moves effortlessly between her instruments and her palate includes hammered and mountain dulcimer, folk harp, accordion, guitar and bodhran, and she never passes up an opportunity to teach a Ceili dance. Ken Willson is the pulsing folk drive, with an engaging tenor voice and tasteful guitar and bouzouki foundations to the unique material. A weaver of wit and tales, he can also spin a fine Ceili swing on the dance floor.

Collecting experiences, stories and humor from over 20 years of touring together, this pair has focused on educational programming, concert venues, college campuses, master classes, workshops, cultural events and festivals, and they have fine tuned their stage performances to be anything but predictable, traditional, or expected.

The event is open to the public with a \$5 charge per person, but seating is limited, so reservations are needed. Please call 406-888-5393 or e-mail: [1960mthouse@qwestoffice.net](mailto:1960mthouse@qwestoffice.net) for additional information and to reserve your tickets.

Hans and Toni Jungster established the Montana House Regional Craft Shop in 1960 in Apgar Village, just inside Glacier National Park. Their daughter, Monica and staff continue to carry on their mission: to celebrate and promote the creativity of Montana and Native American artists and craftsmen for our mutual benefit. The Montana House has been a long time avid supporter of Glacier Park and celebrated its 50th anniversary in June of 2010.

The Glacier National Park Fund is the non-profit partner for Glacier National Park, whose mission is to preserve and protect the beauty and heritage of the Park for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. For further information, call 406-892-3250 or go to [www.glaciernationalparkfund.org](http://www.glaciernationalparkfund.org).