

MAGICAL STRINGS

Celtic Music and more

Philip and Pam Boulding

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Magical Strings Announces Their East Coast Spring Tour with Concerts from Maine to Virginia

Day, Date, Time at Venue, Address

For more information call **phone**

Don't miss this opportunity to hear the dynamic Celtic duo **Magical Strings in Concert**, described by the Washington Post as "sonically gorgeous." They will carry you to sublime realms with ancient airs and their own unique compositions, have you "dancing" to lively jigs and reels and share stories and selections from their newest CDs **Fairy Wind** and **Lullaby for a Soul's Journey**. Philip and Pam Boulding who have toured worldwide for over 40 years and recorded 22 albums, will perform on their own hand-crafted Celtic harps and hammered dulcimers along with whistles, button accordion, concertina and more.

Tickets are available: ([info here](#))

APRIL

Sun	7	2 pm	Damariscotta, ME	River Arts	207.563.1507
Wed	10	7 pm	Freeport, ME	Maine Coast Waldorf School	207.210.7995
Thu	11	7 pm	Hillsdale, NY	Mettabee Farm & Arts	518.567.5123
Fri	12	7 pm	Copake, NY	Camphill Village	518.329.4851
Sat	13	7:30 pm	Warwick, RI	Central Baptist Church	401.739.2828
Mon	15	7 pm	Millis, MA	The Peace Abbey Cottage	508.259.8508
Tue	16	7 pm	Westwood, MA	Westwood Public Library	781-320-1041
Thu	18	8 pm	Dublin, NH	Del Rossi's Trattoria	603.563.7195
Tue	23	4:30 pm	Chestnut Ridge, NY	Fellowship Community	845.356.8494 x2
Thu	25	7 pm	Hockessin, DE	Cokesbury Village	302.235.6004
Fri	26	7 pm	Fort Belvoir, VA	The Fairfax	703.799.1200
Sun	28	3 pm	Oxford, MD	The Church of the Holy Trinity	410.226.5134
Mon	29	7 pm	Suffolk, VA	Lake Prince Woods	757.923.5500

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Wed	1	4 pm	Williamsburg, VA	Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg Hennag Auditorium	757.220.7984
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About Magical Strings

Since 1978 Philip and Pam Boulding have drawn a loyal following worldwide, captivated by their energetic arrangements of Celtic music and their own engaging compositions, intertwining Celtic roots with classical and world music influences. They have performed throughout the United States, Canada, Ireland and Japan, toured and recorded with Dan Fogelberg, appeared on Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion," and recorded 22 albums on four labels. They have been touring for 40 years, including their tradition of Celtic Yuletide Concerts with their five children and grandchildren who perform with them on violin and 'cello, Irish step dancing and more. Philip and Pam also design and build Celtic harps for an international clientele, run the School of Magical Strings and host the Magic Hill Summer Harp Camp at their beautiful 5-acre home in the Pacific Northwest overlooking the Puget Sound. Their newest CDs **Fairy Wind** and **Lullaby for a Soul's Journey** will be available at all of their shows. **Fairy Wind** is also available for download at <http://cdbaby.com/cd/magicalstrings> where you can listen to sound clips of every track.

Some of the harps on which Philip performs may be available for sale to an interested member of the audience.

For more details, please visit www.magicalstrings.com.

For information, photos, complimentary press admission, or for review copies of their newest CD's, **Fairy Wind and Lullaby for a Soul's Journey**, please call (253) 857-3716, or email info@magicalstrings.com.

For high-res photos of Magical Strings, please visit http://magicalstrings.com/Images/promo/Pam_Philip_HR.jpg or <http://www.magicalstrings.com/Images/promo/a%20promo%201.jpg>



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With dancing hammers and pulsating strings, Philip and Pam Boulding create the distinctive music of **Magical Strings**, described by The Washington Post as "warm, graceful and sonically gorgeous." Celtic harps and hammered dulcimers are colorfully augmented by pennywhistles, concertina, valiha (Malagasy harp) and storytelling. Since 1978 they have drawn a loyal following worldwide, captivated by their energetic arrangements of Celtic music and their own engaging compositions, intertwining Celtic roots with classical and world music influences.

Practically a household name in the Northwest, **Magical Strings** has toured throughout the United States, Canada, and Ireland. In Japan they toured twice ('97 and '99) with their family quartet, including Brittany and Brenin on violin and cello, performing many sold-out concerts from Okinawa to Sapporo. As a duo Philip and Pam opened for Dan Fogelberg in 30 major U.S. cities, sharing their music with enthusiastic crowds of up to 15,000 a night. Following the tour they were invited to record with him on *River of Souls* and then a second album, *The First Christmas Morning*.

Since 1980 **Magical Strings** has recorded 18 albums on Flying Fish/Rounder, EarthBeat Records, and their own label, Magic Hill Music. Their more recent CD featuring the family quartet, *Where Dragons Dance*, appears on Allegro's *Alula Visions* label. Their three newest releases appear on their own label: *Dances and Dreams – Best of Magical Strings*, which celebrates 30 years of their career featuring their favorite tracks from the first nine albums; *Musings*, a solo harp all-original album from Philip; and *Celtic Yuletide Live!*, featuring energetic live performances from their 2009 Yuletide season. Their music has received a growing stream of international airplay and acclaim over the years. *Islands Calling*, was named "their best album yet" by Billboard Magazine in 1996, and features several guest artists including Alex de Grassi and Hawaiian slack-key virtuoso Keola Beamer.

Philip and Pam have performed on radio and television networks around the country, including 'A Prairie Home Companion,' NPR's Weekend Edition, CNN both at home and in Europe, and prime time TV in Japan. They placed first at the Grannard bicentennial harp festival competition in Ireland in 1981; have collaborated with Northwest ballet and theatre companies, and performed for Russia's Boris Yeltsin when he visited Seattle. They were awarded a residency by the Cill Rialaig Irish arts organization in Co. Kerry, Ireland for a summer of inspiration in an historic cottage overlooking the western sea, where they composed much of the material for their most recent recordings.

The Bouldings run the well-known **School of Magical Strings**, inspiring students of the Celtic harp and hammered dulcimer since 1978. They design and manufacture instruments for an international clientele (over 2,600 built to date) and continue to host the annual **Magic Hill Summer Harp Camp** on their property. Philip and Pam love to share their music with children and have performed in schools throughout the country, including Waldorf schools where for over 30 years they have taught harp, lyre, painting, and orchestra classes. Once referred to by the local media as the "Von Trapp Family of the Northwest", their love of music is embraced by their 5 children and 6 grandchildren, many of whom still join them from across the country to perform their annual Celtic Yuletide Concerts along with Irish dancers and a host of guest artists in concert halls throughout the region. Their youngest, violinist daughter Brittany, currently resides in Seattle with her husband and performs with Seattle Symphony, PNB, and as concert master for both the Auburn symphony and the 5th Avenue Theatre.

Philip and Pam continue to have boundless energy for their creative life, which is nurtured by their home on a beautiful 5 acres they call Magic Hill, overlooking the Puget Sound.

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