

LEELA AND ELLIE GRACE

Leela and Ellie Grace

are singers, multi-instrumentalists, songwriters, and percussive dancers who grew up

traveling across North America performing with their parents as The Grace Family. For the past 13 years, they have been making a name for themselves around the country as a duo, in addition to offering solo appearances, and touring with nationally-known bands. Leela (banjo, guitar) and Ellie (mandolin, guitar, fiddle) have been acclaimed by audiences and fellow musicians alike for their powerful voices, close sisterly harmonies, warm stage presence, and driving old-time instrumentals.

Leela and Ellie's music has a strong grounding in traditional American and Old-time string band styles, but crosses over into the contemporary folk realm, including their own compelling original songs. They recorded three albums with the Grace Family (in addition to doing studio work with other musicians) and have released two recordings as a duo. The sisters have performed at prestigious venues across the United States and Canada, ranging



from the Winnipeg Folk Festival to the Lincoln Center in New York City to the Summer Solstice Festival in Los Angeles.

In 2003, they released their self-titled debut duo CD, which was acclaimed by folk critics and fans and received widespread radio play on folk radio stations across the country. In his review in Sing Out! Rich Warren said, "Leela and Ellie Grace soar off this disc like a breath of fresh air in the smoky atmosphere of singer-songwriters. This lively recording, exquisitely produced by Pete Sutherland, is truly a joy to behold. . . If you're hesitant to take a chance on new artists, rest assured this CD will leave you in a state of grace."

2006 saw Ellie relocating from the sisters' home state of Missouri to the musical mecca of Asheville, North Carolina and touring with the Dirk Powell Band. 2007 was spent recording a new duo CD in the midst of a move to Portland, Oregon by the older sister. Leela and Ellie released their highly-anticipated new CD, *Where the Waters Run*, at the beginning of 2008 and have since been meeting in Portland, Oregon, Asheville, North Carolina, and everywhere in between to make beautiful music together in support of their new CD!

Recipe for Leela and Ellie Grace:

2 cups of spine-tingling, sister harmonies
1 cup of sweet songwriting
½ cup of groovin' old-time instruments
¼ cup of rockin' high energy
2 tablespoons of percussive dance
1 tablespoon of quirky humor

A dash of Midwestern charm
Heart to taste

Mix it all together and bake for twenty-something years. Serve fresh and warm at your favorite venue.

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