

Leela and Ellie Grace

2nd Generation Sister Folk

"Stunning" -- Cosy Sheridan

Leela and Ellie Grace are singers, multi-instrumentalists, songwriters, and percussive dancers who grew up traveling across North America performing professionally as part of The Grace Family (with their parents Paul and Win). Leela and Ellie's performances include a compelling mix of music and dance that is rooted in tradition but crosses easily into the contemporary folk realm, including their own acclaimed original songs. The sisters recorded three albums with The Grace Family, in addition to doing studio work with other musicians, and have recently released a celebrated duo CD. They 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.



"Leela's and Ellie's singing is clear, pitch-perfect, and expressive. 'Soaring' is a word that comes to mind." — The Old Time Herald

The duo is known for their stunning sisterly harmonies, powerful singing voices, multi-instrumental expertise, and unmatched precision percussive dance. Audiences remember Leela and Ellie's evocative original songs, warm, fun, and slightly wacky stage presence, and toe-tapping old-time groove. Between them, they play mandolin, guitar, fiddle, and banjo and have over 20 years experience in performing, choreographing, and teaching percussive dance styles that include Appalachian clogging, Irish Step Dancing, and Rhythm Tap.

"Two of the finest and most entertaining cloggers around." — Rock River Friends of Folk Music



Since graduating from college in 2000 (Leela) and 2001 (Ellie), they have continued to tour the country, sharing their love of music and dance with people of all ages. As a duo and as solo artists, they have appeared at national folk festivals, collaborated with highly respected performers, and inspired young and old alike as teachers of music and dance. And in November of 2003, they released their long-awaited debut duo CD, recorded in Vermont with revered old-time, folk producer/composer/multi-instrumentalist Pete Sutherland and many of the East Coast's finest musicians!

"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." — Sing Out!

"They were among the most-talked about new artists at the Folk Alliance national conference this past winter [2003] . . ." — Westside Folk, Lawrence, Kansas



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