

Irish music featured at Nov. 7 Global Awareness Roundtable

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The Alfred University Global Awareness Roundtable presents the traditional Irish music of Marie and Martin Reilly on Monday, Nov. 7 at 7 pm at the Knight Club in the Powell Campus Center. Born in Whitestone, NY, Marie and Martin Reilly studied music from an early age. Marie's father began to teach her the fiddle and tin whistle when she was 8 years old, while Martin studied the works of master accordionists like Joe Burke, John Bowe and Billy McComiskey. Both studied for many years with the late Maureen Glynn, who is considered by many to be one of the most important figures in late 20th-century Irish music in America. In addition, both Marie and Martin have performed with the world-famous Riverdance touring show. Their debut CD entitled Marie & Martin Reilly was released in 2002 to positive reviews. "Throughout the album, Marie and Martin demonstrate a firm grasp of the breadth of Irish traditional music, along with a willingness to take some chances, and have fun with it as well," wrote Scott Gianelli of the Green Man Review.