

The Swindles ready performance for Bergren Forum

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The Swindles - including Tammy Brackett, visiting assistant professor in expanded media, and Jean A. Cardinale, associate professor of biology -- will perform "This is the Life Again" during the weekly Alfred University Bergren Forum on Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007, at 12:10 p.m. in the Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center. The Swindles were originally formed in 1997 by two Rochester, NY singer/songwriters, Brackett and Dee Adams. The musical "Radio Gals" inspired the name. The Swindle Sisters in "Radio Gals" would do just about anything to be heard on the radio. Today's Swindles perform and record original folk/rock written by Brackett. Joining Brackett in the group are Cardinale, on bass and mandolin; John Head, on drums; and Tim Brackett, on lead guitar. In 1999, Brackett founded Rochester, NY's popular Women's Songwriter Circle, which was formed to support the creation and performance of original music. The Swindles hosted Circle performances where the finest local female artists presented their music to an ever-growing group of fans. Also in 1999, the Swindles released their first CD. The sampler, titled "Swindle Sisters," featured six original songs and was the first release on the White Dog Records label. In the summer of 1999, "Too Bad You Missed It," debuted and spent weeks at the top of the MP3.com charts. The Swindles released their latest CD, "This Is The Life," in April 2000. The Swindles were featured guests on Rochester Band Spotlight, WNNR Rochester, in the fall of 1998 and Rochester Sessions on WITR in 1999 and 2000. They have spent mornings with the Brother Wease Morning Circus on WCMF, Rochester. Morning radio shows around the country are playing the popular Swindle Sisters single, "The Coffee Song." Brackett earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from Alfred University in 2003 and a master of fine arts in 2006. Cardinale, who received AU tenure in 2006, earned a bachelor of science degree in cell and developmental biology, a master of science degree in microbiology and immunology, and a doctorate in microbiology and immunology, all from the University of Rochester. Head spends much time on the road as a technician for Xerox. Tim Brackett has started his own sound business, Mountain Valley Production Systems. The Bergren Forum, sponsored by the Alfred University Division of Human Studies, meets Thursdays during each academic semester at Alfred University. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch; coffee and tea will be available.