

THE MUSIC OF  
**SIMON & GARFUNKEL**  
BY SWEARINGEN & KELLI

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 AT 3 PM**  
**COGGON OPERA HOUSE**

Husband and wife duo [AJ Swearingen & Jayne Kelli](#) expertly recreate the music, memories and magic of the most famous folk-rock duo of our time, [Simon and Garfunkel](#). Two voices in perfect harmony balanced against one acoustic guitar delivers a true tribute to the sound of the 1960's Greenwich Village, New York coffeehouse performances.

Swearingen has been performing this music for twenty years with mastery of Paul Simon's intricate guitar playing. His deep baritone blends perfectly against Kelli's angelic vocals, which invoke a true sound in the spirit of Art Garfunkel. The duo has been performing music together since 2012.

AJ Swearingen, born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, grew up in a house where the classic country records of Kris Kristofferson, Merle Haggard, Johnny Cash, and Willie Nelson were always spinning. "I love that music, but the folk records of the early '70s like Gordon Lightfoot and Simon & Garfunkel are what really fueled my desire to pursue a life in music." He began playing at 13 and started performing professionally in his late teens. His acoustic guitar finger style echoes his influences - James Taylor, Paul Simon and Lindsey Buckingham - but his silky, soulful baritone voice is definitely his own.

Jayne Kelli's voice is both husky and sweet, tender and bluesy. Kelli was born in the small country town of Lapeer, Michigan. She grew up listening to her parents perform songs by John Denver, Jim Croce, and Glen Campbell around the campfire. Jayne began writing and recording her own songs at age 15. Her first release garnered praise from critics, calling her "a formidable talent with elegantly poetic and emotionally charged songs." Jayne's song "Sweetness" was chosen as an anthem song for the domestic violence foundations Victim Services International and Angel Wings International in 2015.

Wrap up your afternoon in Coggon with

**Maidrites on Main - Ice Cream Social**

*Serving from 4 to 6 p.m.*

After the presentation walk 1/2 block down Main Street to Historical Hall (Lower Level - Coggon Square) and enjoy a quick meal

**General Admission Seating - \$15**

**Doors open 30 minutes beforehand**

**Tickets available at the door**

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