

**BÉLA FLECK & ABIGAIL WASHBURN**, "the king and queen of the banjo" (Paste Magazine), have a musical partnership like no other. Béla Fleck is a fifteen-time Grammy. Award winner who has taken the instrument across multiple genres, and Abigail Washburn a singer-songwriter and clawhammer banjo player who re-radicalized it by combining it with Far East culture and sounds. On stage, Fleck & Washburn will perform pieces from their Grammy-winning self-titled debut as well as their new record, *Echo in the Valley* (Rounder 2017). With one eye on using the banjo to showcase America's rich heritage and the other pulling the noble instrument from its most familiar arena into new and unique realms, Bela & Abigail meet in the mean, head-on, to present music that feels wildly innovative and familiar at the same time. Whether at home, on stage or on record, their deep bond, combined with the way their distinct musical personalities and banjo styles interact, makes theirs a picking partnership unlike any other on the planet.

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