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**Wintergreen to perform in concert at Berkshire Museum**

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[Pittsfield, Mass.] - The Berkshire Music School will present a family concert by Wintergreen, a folk trio, at the Berkshire Museum on Saturday, February 20, at 1:30 p.m. Alice and Larry Spatz and Jared Polens, the members of Wintergreen, will perform a mixture of traditional and contemporary music from the British Isles and America, along with their own compositions. Geared for children, the program is designed to appeal to concert-goers of all ages. Tickets are $15 adult, $8 child; for Museum members $5 adult, $3 child; children 3 and under free.

Wintergreen programs feature instrumentals based on dance tunes, intricate three-part vocal harmonies, and a wide variety of folk instruments. Among other venues, the trio has appeared at the Troy Music Hall; WNYT-TV Albany (NBC); Caffe Lena in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown; and has performed several concerts in Germany. The group has recorded four CDs, *Pass It On Down*, *Potluck*, *Old Songs and New*, and *A Song of Home*.

Alice and Larry Spatz perform throughout the Northeast, appearing on television and radio, at folk festivals, in concert and at clubs, schools, and colleges. Active folk musicians since the 1960s, they have performed internationally and have recorded several albums and tapes as soloists and with other performers. They may play as many as eight instruments during a performance, including double bass, autoharp, psaltery, guitar, mountain dulcimer, recorder, banjo, and
percussion. Their appeal is wide, from audiences of pre-schoolers to senior citizens.

Jared Polens plays hammer dulcimer solo and with others throughout the Northeast. He was a member of the contradance band Southwind and also sings with the a capella vocal quartet Northern Spy which has opened for Maura O'Connell and Tom Paxton. For several years he organized weekly music nights on the summit of Mount Greylock and he has frequently performed at the Acoustic Brew in Williamstown, MA.

"... tasty arrangements for guitar, mandolin, hammered dulcimer, psaltery and bass, seasoned with some fine harmony singing ..." - Sing Out!
"... crystalline clarity of a chamber ensemble ... complex, downright acrobatic three-part harmonies." - Berkshire Eagle

About the Berkshire Museum
Located in downtown Pittsfield, Massachusetts, at 39 South St., the Berkshire Museum, a Smithsonian Affiliate, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is $13 adult, $6 child; Museum members and children age 3 and under enjoy free admission. For more information, visit www.berkshiemuseum.org or call 413.443.7171.

In association with the Smithsonian since 2013, Berkshire Museum is part of a select group of museums, cultural, educational, and arts organizations that share the Smithsonian's resources with the nation. Established by Zenas Crane in 1903, Berkshire Museum integrates art, history, and natural science in a wide range of programs and exhibitions that inspire educational connections between the disciplines. ArtZoo will be on view January 23 through May 1, 2016. Little Cinema is open year-round. Spark!Lab, Feigenbaum Hall of Innovation, Worlds in Miniature, Aquarium, and other exhibits are ongoing.

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