

California duo 'emith' to perform



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Acoustic duo "emith" will journey from the sunny climes of Los Angeles to perform in Cambridge at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23 at the Hardy Center as a part of the "Coffee House Series," organized through Community Education.

"These folks are really good!" said Roger Wm. Anderson, Performing Arts Chair. "I think they are headed for stardom. Their music is very beautiful, melodic and thought provoking."

emith (pronounced eh-mith) is an acoustic duo whose music is an original fusion of the old and new, of humor and sadness. Tickets are \$10 for general admission. Call Community Education at 763-689-6189 or buy them at the door.

Pictured: 'emith' will perform at the Hardy Performing Arts Center Friday, Jan. 23 in Cambridge.

The duo is made up of songwriter Carol Ann Ives and guitarist Stevie Gurr. Ives is a newcomer but sounds like a veteran, with a vocal style reminiscent of Aimee Mann. Gurr on guitar, bass and harmonica, has a longer musical resume, having toured with Elvin Bishop and Dr. John.

emith has been described by a critic as "wide-ranging as Fleetwood Mac meets acoustic Led Zeppelin, Aimee Mann, Emmylou Harris and BB King all in one kind of edgy sandwich...a musical recipe that includes blues, folk, country and rock with some Celtic mysticism mixed in there somewhere."



The group's debut full-length CD, "13 Seasons," is set of varied songs that carries the listener on a musical tour from warm, lush rootsy pieces, through eccentric bohemian pop, all the way to epic rock ballads, without losing anyone on the way.

The coffee house series is funded in part by the East Central Arts Council. Call Community Education at 763-689-6189 for more information, or browse the Hardy Center Web site to see their video at hardycenter.com.

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