



We invite you to join us for an evening of traditional Irish music...

Claire Egan and Eoin O'Neill, Saturday May 21, 2016, 8:00 PM

This house concert will be held at the home of Karen and Gordon Johnston: **419 E. Windsor Ave, Alexandria, VA. Please RSVP** (so we know how many to expect, just in case we start running out of room, and if you need our address or directions) by replying to the e-mail or calling **703-548-5784**.

Suggested donation of \$15 - \$20, with all proceeds to the performers.

Fiddler **Claire Egan** recently released her solo recording – **Turning Tides**, which received the following review from *The Irish Times*:

Distance can shape music in ways that proximity just doesn't allow. This solo debut from London-Irish fiddler Claire Egan is a quietly confident collection that comfortably casts a glance to both the past and the present, with nary a misstep in between. Egan manages a clean, fluid style that's all her own while doffing a cap to the great London-Irish fiddler Brendan Mulkeré.

Her handling of the tunes is a delight: in particular, her reading of the waltzes, *Turning Tides/Contented Am I*, is a joyous, freewheeling exercise in expressionism. And Egan's inclusion of a short passage from a Bach adagio in G Minor is miraculously paired with *Castlekellys* reel is a spirit-shocking delight.

Accordionist, **Eoin O'Neill**, hails from Adrahan, Co. Galway where he was steeped in Traditional music. Several great influential musicians from the area include the great Joe Cooley, Oliver and Raymond Roland and Charlie Harris with whom he later went on to share and learn music from. His music is also greatly inspired by the recordings of 1920's musicians including P.J. Conlon, also a native of County Galway who immigrated to USA. Eoin is a regular tutor and performer at yearly festivals throughout Ireland and abroad and regularly collaborates with musicians from Ireland and the UK.

Feel free to forward to anyone you think who would be interested.

For more information see <http://www.claireegan.ie>