



Music in the Orendorff Commons

Celebrating National Library Week

From Donegal, PA

Brent and Crista Buswell

Virtuoso Accordion Music



Sponsored by the IUP Libraries, College of Fine Arts and the
Center for Northern Appalachian Studies

3:00 pm Saturday April 9th, 2011

In the Commons of the Orendorff Music Library
Room 101 Cogswell Hall

Free and Open to the Community



Brent and Crista Buswell will present a concert of accordion and piano music for the *Music in the Orendorff Commons* series in the Orendorff Music Library (Cogswell Hall Room 101), on Saturday, April 9, 2011, at 3:00pm. The event is sponsored by the IUP Libraries, the College of Fine arts, and the Center for Northern Appalachian Studies. It is the first event celebrating National Library Week. The concert is free and open to the community.

Brent Buswell has played the accordion since 1993, and from a young age has been recognized as a virtuoso player. He enjoys performing a wide variety of music, including: jazz, polkas, Scandinavian, novelty numbers, marches, Christian, and American standards. He especially enjoys playing the music of great accordion composers such as Pietro Frosini, Charles Magnante, and Pietro Deiro.

Brent has been a featured artist for many Scandinavian and Finnish events including the Swedish Midsummer Festival (Cape Cod, MA), numerous FinnFunn Weekends, and the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival in Astoria, Oregon in 2002 and 2005. He has been a headline performer for national FinnFests in Gorham, ME (1998), Philadelphia (2001), and the 2005 FinnGrandFest in Marquette, MI. In March 2003 he had the honor of performing at the Finnish Embassy in Washington D.C

With New York accordionist Bert Stromholm, he was selected as the 2008 Finlandia Foundation "Performer of the Year," with more than fifty performances throughout the county including a featured performance at the 2008 FinnFest in Duluth, MN.

Brent graduated from Berklee College of Music in 2003, with a Bachelor's degree in professional music. During his time at Berklee, he also studied piano, which has become his second instrument.

Crista Buswell began playing piano at the age of three. Since that time music has been a major part of her life. She was involved in choir from the third grade through high school. She also played trumpet and baritone horn in the school band from the fifth grade through high school. She studied voice with the Civic Light Opera in Pittsburgh from 1996-97 and went on to study music in college.

Crista has an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts from Penn State, where she graduated in 2001. From 2004-06, she taught music at Champion Christian School working with children from grade 1-12. Since 2001, she has performed mainly as a vocalist and pianist on numerous occasions in different venues, some of which include church concerts and services, retirement homes, senior centers, various festivals, and, notably, Oktoberfests where she has played keyboard and trumpet.

Brent and Crista reside in Donegal, Pennsylvania and have performed a wide variety of popular, folk and classical pieces for accordion and piano on a number of occasions in Pennsylvania, as well as in Vermont.