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Canada's hottest folk band, The Wailin' Jennys, to perform in Edson

Summary: The musicians are frequent guests on Keillor's A Prairie Home Companion.

(October 7, 2010)-As part of the Performing Arts Series, The Wailin' Jennys will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 23, 2010, in the Student Center's Edson Auditorium. It will be the first time the group, one of Canada's "hottest" folk bands, appears in west central Minnesota. They will travel to Morris to showcase their folk music along with bluegrass and jazz sideman Jeremy Penner.

The Wailin' Jennys, know for signature harmonies, striking musicianship, and powerful vocals are frequent guests on Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion" radio show.

Morris student Laura Welding '11 is looking forward to the event. She says, "I've heard they play some really cool music. I can't wait to see them perform."

Earlier in the day, from 2 until 3 p.m. in Recital Hall in Humanities Fine Arts, The Jennys will conduct a master class with the University of Minnesota, Morris choir and Morris Area Public High School vocal students on the art of bluegrass singing. The class is free and open to the public.

For ticket information for the evening performance, contact the Office of Student Activities at 320-589-6080.

This activity is made possible in part by a grant provided by the Minnesota State Arts Board, through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature from the Minnesota arts and cultural heritage fund with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008. This presentation is supported by the Performing Arts Fund, a program of Arts Midwest funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, with additional contributions from the Minnesota State Arts Board, General Mills Foundation and Land O'Lakes Foundation.

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