



WHYY'S NEW SERIES, *ON CANVAS*, FEATURES FOLK DUO, THE BAIRD SISTERS, ON JANUARY 21ST

New WHYY program takes viewers behind the scenes of the region's rich arts and culture community

WHYY explores the Delaware Valley's cultural community in *ON CANVAS*, a new program airing in September on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. on TV12. *ON CANVAS* is also on Wednesdays at 9 p.m. on the WHYY Y Arts Channel (on the air channel 12.2, Comcast 241 and Verizon FiOS 474). Every Wednesday evening at 8 p.m., *ON CANVAS* offers compelling stories about the region's diverse cultural life. Each week, the series introduces audiences to a new performing arts experience selected from the region's rich cultural landscape.

On January 21st at 8 p.m. on WHYY's TV12 and at 9 p.m. on WHYY Y Arts Channel, *ON CANVAS* features the folk duet, the Baird Sisters.

Influenced by Appalachian mountain music, contemporary outsider folk, and Library of Congress recordings of their great uncle, sisters Laura and Meg Baird have been performing in the Philadelphia area for several years. Intertwining natural harmonies with intimate acoustic guitar and banjo playing, their new album *Lonely Town* is at once foreboding yet wistful. Meg Baird is also a founding member of Espers, a psychedelic folk sextet.

"*ON CANVAS* is an expression of this region's wonderful cultural assets," said Trudi Brown, WHYY's Executive Producer of *ON CANVAS*. "Each program introduces viewers to creative people and places throughout the region." Adds Chief Content Officer Christine Dempsey, "Connecting communities is what WHYY does best."

New *ON CANVAS* programs will be broadcast Wednesdays at 8 p.m. on WHYY's TV12 and Wednesdays at 9 p.m. on the WHYY Y Arts Channel (on the air channel 12.2, Comcast 241 and Verizon FiOS 474) and will rebroadcast on the Y Arts Channel daily: Thursday's at 10 p.m., Friday's at 11 p.m., Saturday's at 8 p.m., Sunday's at 2 p.m., Monday's at 7 p.m., and Tuesday's at 8 p.m..

Executive Producer for the series is Trudi Brown. Hugh Haynie is the producer and Heidi Saman is the associate producer.

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