## Rick Scott and Nico Rhodes ROOTS & GROOVES

Veteran dulcimer ace and young keyboard maverick join forces for an intergenerational smorgasbord of roots, rhythm and groove!





What do you get when you combine an infamous folkie and a rising star, seasoned expertise and youthful exuberance, old school groove and Broadway chops? Rick and Nico blur all boundaries, in a word, they cook!

This collaboration has been decades in the making. At age 8 Nico wrote Rick a fan letter and at age 23 he orchestrated Rick's music for symphony. Equally proficient on keyboards and woodwinds, he's in constant demand as an arranger and musical director for stage shows from Chemainus to Ontario, when not playing with his own trio or touring with acclaimed chanteuse Joelle Rabu.

"NICO RHODES IS ASTONISHING, NOT JUST AN ACCOMPANIST, YOU HAVE TO HEAR AND SEE HIM CARESS, CAJOLE AND AT TIMES ALMOST PUNISH THE PIANO. BREATHTAKINGLY FRESH SOUNDS AND STYLE RADIATE FROM THIS YOUNG MUSICIAN WHOSE HANDS EFFORTLESSLY FLY ACROSS A KEYBOARD LEAVING US IN UTTER AMAZEMENT AND JUMPING TO OUR FEET AT THE END OF A SOLO!"

Since pioneering BC roque folk with Pied Pumkin, Rick Scott has released 18 recordings and performed in nine countries. Singer, songwriter, dulcimer master and raconteur, he's renowned for his ability to combine music and humour to uplift and refresh the human spirit. A true all ages performer, with separate repertoires for adult and family audiences, he has been honoured with three Juno nominations, Western Canadian, Parents' Choice, NAPPA Gold and Canadian Folk Music Awards. He's Goodwill Ambassador for the Down Syndrome Research Foundation and curator of the Protection Island Museum. www.rickscott.ca

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