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FOLK NIGHT AT THE REGISTRY Presents
EAST MEETS WEST DOUBLE BILL: DAVE GUNNING and MARIA DUNN

*"a remarkable singer-songwriter, . . . a distaff Woody Guthrie . . . ,
Dunn is a formidable talent." ~ The Edmonton Sun*

A storyteller through song, **Maria Dunn** combines North American folk and country music with the influences of her Celtic heritage. Born in Scotland and raised in Ontario and Alberta, she writes songs inspired by historical and contemporary characters, capturing their struggles and triumphs in her lyrics. Maria received a **Juno nomination in the Roots/Traditional Solo category** for her 2nd recording, "For a Song". Maria's 4th and newest CD, "The Peddler" (2008) consists of songs that have a distinct Celtic influence. Called "smart", "compelling", "political" and "timeless", "The Peddler" has received extensive airplay on Canada's folk music stations. Maria accompanies herself on accordion and guitar.

"Dave Gunning is the next big thing in the True North of Song, an artist as compelling, as assured and attentive to every nuance of the writing and performing process as Lightfoot, Cockburn and Stan Rogers before him." ~ Toronto Star

Dave Gunning has been acclaimed as one of Canada's best up-and-coming singer-songwriters. A charismatic performer, Dave is known for infusing his shows with humorous tales and touching commentary on the everyday. Dave's latest solo release, "House For Sale" (2007) demonstrates his solid songwriting ability, smooth vocals and acoustic guitar. Among its highlights are co-writes and duets with Canadian country singer, George Canyon and Newfoundland's songsmith, Ron Hynes. The album, Dave's 6th, won two East Coast Music Awards for **Male Artist of the Year** and **Folk Recording of the Year**. Dave's song, "Hard Workin' Hands" (co-written with Hynes) was recently named **First Place Winner** in the folk category in the 2008 Indie International Songwriting Contest and was honored as a Finalist in the USA Songwriting Competition.

Folk Night at the Registry is excited to present these two songwriters of the future! "Dunn and Gunning" will each perform a solo set, as well as combining forces for the first time ever!

*This concert is the fifth in the **2008-2009 Folk Night at the Registry Series**, which concludes May 9, 2009 with the 2009 Merrick Jarrett concert, featuring **FINEST KIND** with **Beverlie Robertson**.*

FOLK NIGHT at The Registry presents Maria Dunn and Dave Gunning
Saturday, April 18, 2009. 8pm. \$15 Advance, \$17 at the door
The Registry Theatre. 122 Frederick St. Kitchener.

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