

Don Charles and Deb Gessner are the heart and soul of **D-Squared**. Their spacious sound reflects a life lived beneath high western skies and their songs are spirituals to the natural world, tapping into an ancient mythology that expresses a deep reverence for life and an appreciation of everyday things. They weave their instruments into complex, nuanced textures that surround each lyric. Charles is a talented songwriter playing guitar, uke, and tenor banjo. His deep, baritone voice delivers power and passion while Gessner provides delicately hewed harmonies in a beguiling voice. Her unconventional rhythmic approach to the harp drives the music into territory that is otherworldly yet strangely familiar. Percussionist William Meldrum adds depth, breadth and drama with delightful rhythmic phrasing that keeps the band firmly and magnetically grounded to the earth. For karmic balance, she also plays a free-bass accordion.

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