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"... the Hongell-Darsees summon ancient characters from the depths of our collective unconscious and bid you take leave of the modern world and join your ancestors, huddled together in a hut around a fire as the storyteller makes the hair on your arms stand straight up." (Mel Minter, Musically Speaking, Albuquerque, NM)

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After relocating to New Mexico from Scandinavia in 2001, Scott and Johanna have performed all over the U.S. at festivals, theatres, arts councils, universities, schools, libraries, and live broadcasts including:

- *Provincetown Playhouse and Scandinavia House, NYC*
- *Outpost Performance Space with AMP Concerts, Albuquerque, NM*
- *Midsummers Fairytale Celtic Ren Fair, CA*
- *Wildwood Sounds, Del Norte, CO*
- *Folk Festivals: Traditional Music Society, Los Angeles, CA; and Albuquerque, NM, Santa Fe Folk Art Market*
- *Scandinavian Festivals: Estes Park, CO; Atlanta, GA; Los Angeles, CA; Thousand Oaks, CA; and Lindsborg, KS*
- *Storytelling Festivals: Los Angeles, CA; Four Corners, NM; Taos, NM; and Albuquerque, NM*
- *Universities: NYU; UNM, ENMU, San Juan College and College of Santa Fe, NM; UA; Coe College, IA*
- *NPR Affiliates, KUNM, KSFR, WFHB*
- *TV 2KASA Morning Show*
- *New Mexico Humanities Council – Inducted as scholars in 2005*

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