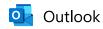
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## Hi friends!

We're so excited to announce the release of our new album, *Gold and Coal*! This project is a labor of love, and we're incredibly proud to share it with you. It's available now for streaming, digital download, and in deluxe limited edition physical format—however you like to listen!

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If you enjoy the music, we'd be so grateful if you'd help us spread the word—share the album with friends, post about it, add it to your playlists, or simply let someone know it moved you. Your support helps our music reach more hearts and ears.

Thank you, as always, for being part of the journey.

With love and gratitude, Cassie and Maggie 💛 🕏

What people are saying about Gold and Coal...

"What makes this so special apart from the playing, the production and the care and detail in the presentation, is its juxtaposition of the old with the new. Every track here is a gem... This is an album with the lustre and untarnished longevity of gold and the pent up heat of ancient coal." -Irish Music Magazine

The new album, *Gold and Coal*, from Nova Scotia duo Cassie and **Maggie** comes as much from the boot-stomping kitchen parties they grew up around as it does from the long legacy of emigration from Eastern Canada. "We come from a very long line of musicians, and music in our family was a treasured and important part of our upbringing," explains Cassie **MacDonald**. "Music is the way that we connect as a family." This heritage provided a jumping off point for the music on *Gold and Coal*, here on May 2, 2025. Inspired by their roots in Canadian Celtic music, Cassie and **Maggie**'s songs also draw from a love of poetry and literature. The songs are grounded in folkloric origins, but their original lyrics are woven through a dialogue between past and present, tradition and reinterpretation. Cassie and Maggie conceived of *Gold and Coal* as a thematic album examining the twin poles of home and abroad, tradition and innovation. "Gold is a metaphor for making your way Westward and forging new territory and taking a chance on yourself," says Cassie. "Coal represents those really important and beautiful foundations found when staying home and staying true to your roots." The two aren't elevating one perspective over the other,

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but celebrating both possibilities and showing how they can be equally rewarding for an artist.

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