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With engaging stage presence and masterfully-crafted music, Boston-based Matt and Shannon Heaton offer well-travelled Irish music from the heart: a satisfying mix of tunes and song, new and old, stirring and lively.

The Heatons are an integral part of Boston's vibrant trad music scene. Shannon cofounded Boston's Celtic music fest and served on its board for 15 years, creating opportunities for hundreds of traditional musicians and dancers. She was named Massachusetts Traditional Artist Fellow in 2016, and she hosts the culture podcast <u>Irish</u> <u>Music Stories</u>.

Matt has performed with countless ensembles, including the Karan Casey Band, Boys of the Lough, and Robbie O'Connell. In addition to his work as an Irish accompanist on guitar and bouzouki, Matt is an active performer for children and families. He has received multiple grants and awards for his engaging sing alongs and rockabilly-tinged albums.

Matt and Shannon are comfortable onstage and have a warm connection with audiences. They are world-class American performers with Irish roots and universal appeal.

"Their playing is masterful and inventive, their arrangements city-smart and spacious. Still, they never forget that Irish music is, at its heart, a neighborly form, meant for sharing, not showing off." — The Boston Globe