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1 CD release concert with Eloise & Co. at BMC Nov. 21

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4 Eloise & Co., the duo of fiddler Becky Tracy and  
5 accordionist Rachel Bell, will be joined by Rachel Aucoin Friday,  
6 Nov. 21, at 7 p.m. They will offer a concert at the Brattleboro  
7 Music Center to celebrate the release of their new CD.

8 Since 2015, Tracy and Bell have been playing traditional  
9 French, Celtic, and Quebecois tunes as the duo Eloise & Co. to  
10 explore their love of multiple genres. The band's name is inspired  
11 by Tracy and Bell's matching middle names, Louise. In 2017, they

12 found themselves in a spontaneous jam session with Quebecois  
13 pianist Aucoin at a summer music camp. "The musical chemistry  
14 was instant and palpable," band members say.

15 Tracy and Bell are known in the national contra dance  
16 sphere, the trad concert circuit, and the bal folk music and dance  
17 scene. In April 2024, they and Aucoin performed a concert at the  
18 BMC. The BMC's Carol Compton recalls, "Weeks later, people  
19 were still talking about this trio and the concert. The  
20 programming was fabulous, the music extraordinary, and their  
21 connection with the audience warm and engaging."

22 Since that concert, the trio has performed on both coasts  
23 and is now back to unveil a new recording, *Avec Elodie* (With  
24 Elodie), Aucoin's middle name. "Their trio sound is a celebration  
25 of Celtic and bal folk traditions as well as contemporary  
26 compositions emerging from those roots," organizers say.

27 Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, and are  
28 available at [bmcvt.org](http://bmcvt.org), 802-257-4523, and [info@bmcvt.org](mailto:info@bmcvt.org).

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