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1 Next Stage hosts Ablaye Cissoko, Cyrille Brotto in April
2 24 concert

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5 Next Stage Arts presents an evening of global music
6 Friday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m., featuring kora player Ablaye
7 Cissoko and French diatonic accordionist Cyrille Brotto.
8 In their new project, Djiyo — meaning “water”—
9 Cissoko and Brotto create music that blends West African
10 Manding traditions with the folk music of southern France. “The

11 result is a sound that is meditative, lyrical, and deeply human,”
12 wrote organizers in an news release.

13 Following nearly three years of touring and more than
14 100 concerts worldwide, the duo reunites. Their performance
15 “unfolds as an intimate and expressive dialogue between kora,
16 voice, and accordion — at times contemplative, at times quietly
17 ecstatic—imbued with warmth, melancholy, and profound
18 musicality,” said organizers.

19 Cissoko is widely regarded as one of the world’s foremost
20 kora players, known for his virtuosity, voice, and collaborations
21 spanning world music, jazz, and classical traditions.

22 Brotto, a leading figure in the European folk scene,
23 brings sensitivity and inventiveness to the diatonic accordion,
24 “crafting richly textured music rooted in tradition yet alive with
25 innovation,” organizers said.

26 Doors open at 6:45 p.m., at Next Stage Arts, 15 Kimball
27 Hill. Tickets are \$22 in advance, \$26 at the door, and \$10 for
28 livestream access. Advance tickets are available at
29 nextstagearts.org. For more information, call 802-387-0102.

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