



PRESS BLURB

(By Bobbie Contino, Executive Director, Macon County Arts)

Performing works from Bartok to Gershwin and from Led Zeppelin to their own award winning compositions, in solo settings, as a duo, and with ensembles and orchestras around the world, guitarist **Brad Richter** and cellist **Viktor Uzur** consistently garner stand-up-and-cheer ovations and rave reviews. Hailed as "one of the most exciting duos on the scene today" (*Guitar International*), they return to Macon County to perform a program of classical, contemporary, and original works featuring a new Kolo (Eastern European Folk Dance); their epic mash-up of Gershwin ("Rhapsody in Blue") with Nirvana, Eurythmics, and The White Stripes; the premiere of their "I am the Walrus" arrangement, and a whole lot more. Admission is by donation.

Classically trained artists of the highest caliber, Brad and Viktor studied at two of the world's foremost music institutions - The Royal College of Music and The Moscow Conservatory, respectively. Brad, a former US National Finger-Picking Champion, has won numerous prizes for performing and composing. Viktor is former principal cellist and soloist with the Moscow Chamber Orchestra, and a prizewinner at many international competitions. The Duo is heard frequently on NPR's "Performance Today;" Visit richteruzurduo.com to learn more.