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FOLIAS' SECOND BLUE GRIFFIN CD RELEASE
AND THIRD U.S. TOUR
MSU Alumni Carmen Maret and Andrew Bergeron of Folias
Featured Throughout the United States

The Grand Rapids based flute and guitar duo, *Folias*, will release their second CD on the Blue Griffin label titled, *Marufo Vega*, which includes the world premier recording of, *Despoblado Suite*, their original work based on personal hiking experiences in *Big Bend National Park*. *Marufo Vega* also includes *Folias'* original arrangements of Argentine tangos with three guests: MSU student Doctoral student Paul Nolen on Alto Saxophone, former MSU Master's student Amol Khanapurkar on tablas, and MSU alumni and producer for Blue Griffin, Sergei Kvitko, on pipe organ.

Folias released their debut CD, *Tangos Metamorphoses*, in January of 2004 on the Blue Griffin label. The CD includes *Folias'* original arrangements of traditional Argentine tangos, Astor Piazzolla's *History of the Tango*, along with two world premier compositions by Andrew Bergeron.

In the Summer of 2006 *Folias* will perform their first original concert length piece called *Lake Superior Suite* in cities all the way around Lake Superior including, Marquette, MI, Duluth, MN, Thunder Bay Ontario, and Sault Ste Marie, MI. All five movements of the piece contain musical and philosophical themes that bring a listener to consider the importance of Lake Superior as a cultural, environmental, and eventually a spiritual force in the lives of those who live around it. The group is also involved in an environmental effort to help protect the lake, and a portion of their proceeds will go to the Great Lakes Protection Fund.

Folias' summer tours in 2004 and 2005 included public recitals in Michigan, Indiana, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Colorado and Idaho as well as tango music for dancers in Madison, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Lincoln, Bozeman, Eugene, and Portland.

Andrew Bergeron's piece *Big Bend* was winner of the 2005 MSU honor's competition in composition. Mr. Bergeron will perform the world premier of *Big Bend* with MSU's Musique 21 on February 27, 2005 at 7:30 PM in the MSU Music Auditorium.

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