



A Folk Cabaret

featuring **Jamie O'Reilly**
& **Michael P. Smith**

With Bob Weber, Cello

Katrina O'Reilly-Greene, Piano, Vocal, Clarinet

Visual Design by Peter Glazer with the
Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives
and Jamie O'Reilly

"It is more than glorious music they offer us; it is our history that would otherwise be forgotten. At a time when passion is so lacking in our lives, these two artists set our hearts on fire! Viva Jamie and Michael!"

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"They're not just going through the motions; each and every song receives a passionate treatment worthy of the subject. Smith and O'Reilly demonstrate powerfully that the music by the people who fought and died [in the Spanish Civil War] resonates throughout time and space."

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Written with input from Spanish Civil War heroes and historians, (and heard in a compact disc sold worldwide), *Pasiones* includes 20 songs, sung in 6 languages, accompanied by images. This folk-cabaret spotlights a powerful period in human history. With passion and commitment, celebrated performers Jamie O'Reilly and Michael Smith, and a fine musical ensemble of guitar, piano, clarinet and cello, deftly navigate the complex and diverse musical styles of the era of 1930s. The cabaret weaves the poetry of Lorca and Hemingway, and reminiscences of those who were there, into a moving theater piece. The songs are now accompanied by projections of Spanish Civil War photographs, posters, paintings and contemporary images of Spain, created in co-operation with Peter Glazer and

the Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives.

Pasiones captures the fervor of commemorative gatherings during the Worker's Movement of the 1930s. These timeless international songs and anthems: the "people's music," also sung in coffeehouses and marches of the 1960's, are still beloved and heard in gatherings to this day. When they perform these songs, Michael and Jamie honor the stories of Spain and the International Brigades, (many told to them first-hand). They honor the Spanish people, the volunteers and citizens who lost their lives, and those, who after the war, spent a lifetime working for justice. They honor history! In 1997, the *Pasiones* CD was recorded before a live audience at WFMT Fine Arts Radio Studio.

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