

Jaclyn O'Riley / Jaclyn O'Riley and Rebecca McGowan Duet

Jackie O'Riley and Rebecca McGowan are a

duet specializing in old-style traditional Irish dance, recognized for their unique synchronicity and musicality. Originally drawn to the grace, musicality, and subtlety of older steps, they have been dancing and creating together for 12 years.

With original choreography and interpretation of traditional steps, Jackie & Rebecca's work magnifies the intricate movements and musical connections of traditional dance, bringing music and dance back together. Jackie & Rebecca have performed around the US at festivals. Their visual album "From the Floor" (2019) was called "audacious, groundbreaking, and brilliantly realized" (Irish Echo) and was shown at the Utah Dance Film Fest, St Patrick's Film Fest London. Motion State Dance Film Series, and Leitrim Dance Festival. They were recognized as 2022 Mass Cultural Council Fellows in Choreography and have received support from Next Steps for Boston Dance, NEFA, Dance Documentation in Isolation at the BCA.