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"The FAQ is a splendid new group that fuses grooving, dancing Celtic fiddle music with the best of string quartet arranging." -Matt Glaser 10 MP3 Songs in this album (41:35) ! Related styles: FOLK: Celtic Folk, CLASSICAL: String Quartet People who are interested in Turtle Island String Quartet Alasdair Fraser Natalie Haas should consider this download. Details: The Folk Arts Quartet (FAQ) combines folk styles from the fiddle world with the heritage of the classical string quartet. The result is a new hybrid genre, "ChamberGrass." As the four young women of FAQ pioneer this style they are gaining recognition for their musicianship and innovation. The Folk Arts Quartet is Hannah Read (Fiddle), Ivonne Hernandez (Fiddle and Stepdancing), Julie Metcalf (Viola) and Liz Davis Maxfield (Cello). The members of the Folk Arts Quartet met while studying at the Berklee College of Music. Although they were classically trained, they all have extensive experience in folk styles. Hailing from Scotland, Canada, and the United States, they each have distinct musical styles. The FAQ has had the honor of being mentored by some of the best contemporary string players around, including Matt Glaser, Natalie Haas, Eugene Friesen, and John McGann. The Folk Arts Quartet arranges traditional tunes and original compositions using an array of techniques and ideassome they've learned from Classical string quartet pieces, others from folk bands, and others they've invented on their own. With the addition of the occasional beautiful song or energetic step dance, their groovy, contemporary style nods to their many influences and breathes new life into folk and chamber music

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