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ARTISTS DEN RECORDS TO RELEASE LIVE DVD OF
"THE SWELL SEASON" JUNE 3

First concert DVD from Glen Hansard and Markéta Irglová comes on the heels of their song "Falling Slowly," from the film Once, winning the Oscar for Best Original Song

April 30, Toronto, ON -- On June 3, 2008 Artists Den Entertainment/Fontana North Distribution will release ***The Swell Season: Live from the Artists Den***, the first concert DVD from the **Grammy-nominated** and **Academy Award-winning** duo behind the independent film sensation **Once**. The DVD was filmed at an intimate private performance at the Good Shepherd Center Chapel in Seattle, WA, and selections from the show aired on Ovation TV's *Live from the Artists Den*, an innovative new weekly music series, featuring acclaimed artists performing in extraordinary settings. Released now in full for the first time, the concert features more than 30 minutes of bonus material not included on the television broadcast.

Known to the world from the Fox Searchlight film *Once*, **The Swell Season** is led by Irish singer Glen Hansard (of the band The Frames) and Czech newcomer Markéta Irglová. Their music for the film received numerous prestigious award nods, including two Grammy nominations (Best Song Written for Motion Picture, Television, or Other Visual Media – "Falling Slowly" and Best Compilation Soundtrack Album for Motion Picture, Television, or Other Visual Media – *Once*), culminating with the duo's song "Falling Slowly" winning Best Original Song at the 2008 Academy Awards.

Built in 1906 as a shelter for wayward or orphaned girls, the Good Shepherd Center Chapel provided a new sort of haven for two hundred invited guests on a crisp autumn night when Hansard and Irglová gave a special performance of their haunting, melodic songs – backed by two of Hansard's bandmates from The Frames on bass and violin. The live DVD of the concert features interview clips and song introductions by Hansard, including a ghost story inspired by the venue, which he begins by saying, "I'm sure this place is full of ghosts, and I'm sure they'd like to hear this story."

The Swell Season: Live from the Artists Den is the second concert DVD release from the Artists Den, following last year's *Patty Griffin: Live from the Artists Den*, of which *Texas Monthly* wrote "The candlelit setting is breathtaking, the music even more so."

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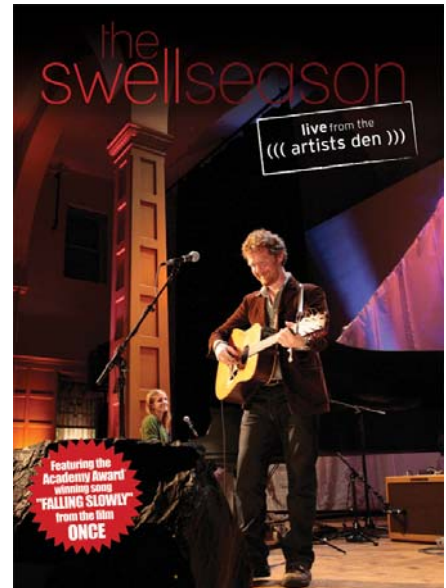
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Track List:

The Swell Season: Live from the Artists Den

1. Say It to Me Now
2. Lay Me Down
3. All the Way Down
4. This Low
5. When Your Mind's Made Up
6. Lies
7. Drown Out
8. Falling Slowly
9. Golden
10. Pavement Tune
11. Once
12. If You Want Me
13. Concentric
14. Star Star



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