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Stroud International Textile Festival 09 1 – 21 May 2009

This annual Festival that takes place in Stroud Gloucestershire has a reputation for innovation and for stepping outside the often rigid confines of textile culture.

Couple in Spirit

As part of this year's Festival on 3 May, there will be a performance from the legendary **Keith and Julie Tippett – *Couple in Spirit***

"It's going to be great to have the opportunity of hearing them perform their unique blend of jazz on 'home ground' as they usually perform in Europe and the States."

Keith Tippett is known for his innovative, creative and spontaneous piano compositions. Presented always with distinct warmth, Keith Tippett's wholly improvised duo performances with vocalist wife, Julie Tippetts, bear evidence of how a long standing artistic chemistry can create a special music magic.

Their hallmark is a unique, mesmeric style coupled with a melodic, spiritual power.

"Tippett transforms the piano into an orchestra of his imagination"

Director Lizzi Walton

Both musicians are constant explorers; they compose and perform in the spontaneity of the moment, working with a shared history. Anyone present at the premier of the commissioned piece, *From Granite to Wind* last Autumn will know the musical vision that is Keith & Julie Tippett.

Keith Tippett: *piano, woodblocks, music boxes*

Julie Tippetts: *voice, thumb instruments*

Stroud Subscription Rooms, George Street, Stroud GL5 1AE

Tickets: £15.00 Student Concessions £12.00

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