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After several years of performing with Les Paul and sharing the stage with the likes of Ringo Starr, Wynton Marsalis and Madonna, Frank Vignola knows that a true musical connection involves yes, a heap of talent, but also a certain measure of telepathy. Mind reading is one of the key ingredients of the energy pouring off the stage when Vignola and Vinny Raniolo take to their guitars.

“We’ve come up with a such a great repertoire of songs — everything from Beethoven’s Fifth, Gerschwin, classic jazz tunes, Simon and Garfunkel ... there is some improvisation, but mostly what we do are duo guitar arrangements,” Vignola said. “We conduct a sing-a-long, dance around, swing our guitars .. all those years of playing with Les Paul taught me the value of entertaining an audience.”

Yes, you may hear “Stardust,” or “I’m Getting Sentimental Over You,” but don’t be surprised if all of a sudden Vignola and Raniolo kick into Led Zeppelin’s “Stairway to Heaven,” all with what seems like inhuman precision and spot-on change-ups.

“You can really sense what each other is thinking,” Vignola said. “We have the routines down but they change a little in tone every night. There’s a definite telepathy that goes one, that’s how great bands are born and pass the test of time.”

