

Mp3 The Mitguards - Nobody's Fool



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Roots-based Americana, combining sharp, insightful lyrics with haunting melodies and flawless harmonies. 12 MP3 Songs FOLK: Modern Folk, COUNTRY: Bluegrass Details: The Mitguards' brand of folk would be right at home on stage with the likes of Gillian Welch or Willie Nelson." -Noel Black, The Colorado Springs Independent "Beautifully layered" with "wondrous emotional range." -Bill Reed, The Gazette The Mitguards, a duo from Manitou Springs, Colorado, features Chris Mitguard on acoustic guitar, banjo and vocals, and Deb Mitguard on mandolin and vocals. Their sound is unique and distinct, a hybrid of musical styles that includes traditional folk, country, swing, bluegrass and roots-based Americana. Their original songs and unique musical arrangements consistently weave humor and tragedy throughout the stories they tell. Chris is the songwriter for the band and has been writing songs since he was a young boy in the 1960's. His songs create powerful, visual, almost cinematic, images. His well crafted story lines are full of twists, turns and irony. They create the perfect backdrop for his sad, beautiful, sometimes dangerous, and always profoundly human characters. His musical influences range from Hank Williams, Bob Dylan and Mississippi John Hurt to Irving Berlin. Chris' strong finger picking style defines and drives The Mitguards' sound. Although Chris grew up in Colorado he spent many years living in California where he studied music and writing at California Institute of the Arts and eventually graduated from Sonoma State University. Deb Mitguard is a native of Michigan and grew up north of Detroit where she was surrounded by a variety of musical styles. Her musical influences include Joni Mitchell, Memphis Minnie, John Hartford, and the Del McCoury Band. Deb has played guitar and performed in various venues since she was a young girl but wasn't inspired to play seriously until she discovered the mandolin in 1998. Since that time she has developed a unique and charming style of mandolin. She has a natural sense of composition and theme which adds layers of texture to The

Mitguards' sound. Deb has always loved a good harmony and also brings to the band a perfect compliment to Chris' vocals. Together they have blended a raw, haunting, and powerfully distinctive vocal style. The Mitguards are proud of the fact that they stand apart from other folk based Americana acts. They are a duo with sharp sound, and one that is not afraid to address dark subject matter. Chris and Deb are constantly expanding and stretching their material and performance. They are dynamic performers that know how to reach a crowd. They play hard and always aim at the heart of their audience which is comprised of young and old alike. The Mitguards perform regularly along the front range of Colorado and have carved a niche for themselves throughout northern Nebraska, Utah, Wyoming, and the Black Hills of South Dakota. Joining Chris and Deb on thier "Nobody's Fool" CD is Dave Gallupe on harmony vocals, acoustic and bass guitars, Les Irvin on mandolin and acoustic guitars, Christian Teele on drums and percussion and Bob Tudor on accordion.

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