

Mp3 Two Many Banjos - Folk: Alternative Folk



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Bluegrass folk rooted in deep tradition with contemporary instrumental force and honest lyrics. 12 MP3 Songs FOLK: Alternative Folk, POP: Folky Pop Details: In the spring of 2007 Dave Carroll (Trampled By Turtles) and Marc Gartman (The Gallows) got together on a whim to see what two banjos playing together would sound like. Intrigued by the results they recorded a handful of songs at Marcs home studio in Duluth, MN with the intention of possibly making a record as just the duo. While satisfied with this outcome they felt they could push things even further. Marc invited The Gallows upright bass player Karl Anderson to learn some of the songs and play a few shows around town. Not long after that Karls neighbor, Jillian Lantry, was a lucky find when she happened to hear the band practicing one evening and jumped in on fiddle. Rounding out the group Charlie Parr scratchboard wizard Lane Prekker kept popping up at all the right times. He maintains a fresh and adventurous sound through his percussion bank of washboard, pin, spoons and brushes. All the members of TMB have had their share of creative bluegrass experiences so the idea was to come up with as many diverse and exploratory directions as possible. The bulk of material that makes up their debut record consists of material Marc wrote specifically for this project. The songs are rooted in deep tradition but with a contemporary twist. They perform the music as they think it may have sounded, approximately anyway, before the birth of recording technology while seeking to put new skin on old bone; to create a modern original music out of archaic elements. While the band recorded more material than they could fit on this one disc they joined together only the songs that formed the most cohesive album. Dave Carroll brings his own brand of original instrumental force with the song Candy and Marc and Dave together late in the sessions wrote the final song on the CD Day is done. The harmonic possibilities of the two banjos (especially with Daves velocity on the instrument) have proven to be a most welcome journey for the group. An inspired year for the band, they have already

recorded their sophomore effort with Rich Mattson (Minnesota music award producer of the year) at his Sparta, MN studio and hope to have that released soon into the new year. The music on their debut CD was recorded live at The Clubhouse with Jake Larson (Charlie Parr, Black Eyed Snakes) manning the boards. Two Many Banjos looks forward to playing around the Midwest this fall as much as possible. Please contact the band at myspace.com/twomanybanjos for gig and interview inquiries. People who are interested in Old In the Way Gillian Welch Iron Wine should consider this download.

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