



BLUE COLLAR FOLK

**“For their third release (Devils & Desires) as Strangebyrds, Cari Minor & Ray Smith have made a big jump forward while simultaneously taking a step more in line with their roots. There are not a lot of fancy studio tricks on this album and there doesn't need to be, Smith's laid back, but precise playing style and Minor's super-tight vocals are enough to carry the album.”**

— Marquee Magazine, Boulder, CO

*“For their second release “Migration”, Strangebyrds DIY attitude is only part of why their description as blue collar folk works so well. Tracks like “Blood On The Moon” and “Smile Before The Lie” are quick tempo, harder strumming numbers while the instrumental Drama King and the light sing-songy Raven show softer but still strong sides of the duo. Like the denim and flannel of blue collar life, one is hard but one is soft, but both are comfortable to wrap yourself in.”*

— Brian Johnson, Boulder, CO

**“Living and working in Colorado, Strangebyrds are that area's most popular folk duo. Their blue collar folk resonates with authenticity, meaningful lyrics and life affirming subject matter.”**

— RIPT Entertainment, Madison, WI

*“Singer songwriters Cari Minor and Ray Smith make their own Americana music together under the moniker Strangebyrds. Check out the duo who have gained a reputation for putting on excellent live shows.”*

— The Camera, Boulder, CO

Cari Minor and Ray Smith became Strangebyrds in 2011, their first self-titled release, *Strangebyrds* (2011) garnered a top ten local release by Marquee Magazine (Boulder/Denver) and their subsequent releases *Migration* (2013) and *Devils & Desires* (2015) received four out of five stars in the Marquee Magazine New Music Reviews.

Both Cari and Ray have received song writing recognition multiple times from the Rocky Mountain Folks Festival and the Telluride Bluegrass Festival.

Ray Smith wrote, performed and recorded the original music score for the documentary film *Muscle Shoals* (Magnolia Pictures) in their home studio, Gulch Groove Studio in Rollinsville, CO.

Their latest album *Devils & Desires* was written just a few months after the loss of Cari's father. Both Cari and Ray wrote a body of work that takes you across the journey of grief and the fragile beauty of living in the moment and produced an album that is a beautiful expression of life, learning and wondering.

For Strangebyrds, it has never been about the destination, it has always been about the musical journey. Their combined hard work ethic and concern about the state of the world helped them define their sound as “blue collar folk”.

Strangebyrds started touring in earnest in 2012 and have performed throughout Colorado, Texas, the Mid-West and the East Coast. Strangebyrds performances range from small local venues & house concerts to large concert halls & festivals.

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