



## BLUE COLLAR FOLK

*"Strangebyrds are a true gift to the ears, this duo has a knack for tight arrangement and keen production. There are moments when the two singers voices blend and induce chills."*

— The Boulder Weekly

*"Singer-songwriters Cari Minor & 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

*"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"*

— Local Sounds Magazine, Madison, WI

*"Strangebyrds music is 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, Marquee Magazine  
Boulder/Denver

Based high in the mountains of Colorado, Cari Minor and Ray Smith have flown together as Strangebyrds since 2010. They've created a large, instantly recognizable catalog of songs built upon a solid foundation of poetic lyrics, mesmerizing harmonies and highly skilled musicianship.

As committed as they are to their craft, their music appears to effortlessly weave together the powerful acoustic root traditions of folk-Americana, rock and blues. In a nod to their workingman (and woman) approach to music and life, Cari and Ray have created a sound they call "Blue Collar folk".

Before live audiences and in their recordings, Strangebyrds heartfelt talent and chemistry is a captivating brew. Their songwriting prowess and recordings have garnered numerous highly sought accolades in national singer-songwriting competitions.

Strangebyrds fifth studio album, Highway Islands was written and recorded during the worldwide pandemic of 2020-21 in the duo's home studio, Byrd Nest Recording. Images and notes from their 2019 tours across the Pacific Northwest, Wyoming and the Midwest Plains planted the seeds for a landscape of twelve brand new songs. Their latest release, Highway Islands was made possible by fans who raised \$14,000.00 in just thirty days. Well beyond their \$10,000.00 Kickstarter Campaign goal.

Previous nationally recognized albums written by Strangebyrds include: Star Crossed Lovers (2018), Devils & Desires (2015), Migration (2013) and "Strangebyrds" (2011).

While crafting and honing songs & ballads about life, both past and present, Strangebyrds operate their music studio, Byrd Nest Recording. They perform locally and throughout the U.S. Ray Smith has written several original compositions for film including; The Alpinist (Universal Pictures-2021), Reel Rocks (Sender Films-2016) and the full-length music score for Muscle Shoals Documentary Film (Magnolia Pictures-2013).

Cari Minor & Ray Smith tied the knot on June 2nd, 2018. They live with their rescue puppy, Skye Pie high up in the mountains of Colorado in the small town of Rollinsville. Their love of ravens and raptors lead them to the name of their duo. Strangebyrds are currently performing & promoting Highway Islands locally as well as actively booking 2022 Spring/Summer tours in the Pacific Northwest, Midwest Plains and the Northeast Coast.

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