

"With guitar, violin, banjo, harmonica, and ukelele, these high-spirited independent artists present heartfelt original acoustic folk and blues." ~ Folk Times

Cosby Gibson and Tom Staudle are award-winning songwriters and singers and live near the Adirondacks in upstate New York. As a duo, they have been performing for fifteen years, and tour both regionally and nationally. Together they play originals and favorites with a variety of instruments such as guitar, fiddle, banjo, dulcimer, and harmonica, and in many settings such as festivals, concert series, theaters, livestreams, and community events.

Cosby is twice Grammy® balloted and writes unique acoustic and folk-style songs. Awards include Best Folk Album in the Capital District Original Music Awards for 2017 and 2018; Dorn Space Arts Center Awards for Best Folk Album, 2021, Outstanding Folk Artist, 2023, and Outstanding Music Video, 2025; and is a nominee for The Thomas Edison Music Awards, 2023 and 2025. Her songs are in rotation on WEXT-FM Radio in the Capital District, NY. She recently released the well-received album, "The Hollow Crown," in 2024. Cosby's songs are reviewed as "Effervescent, inspirational and enlightening," by Mohawk Living Magazine, and, "Wonderfully poetic and positively teeming with flora and fauna...beautifully crafted [to] balance emotional honesty with the whimsical." by NYS Music.

Tom writes and performs in acoustic, Americana and Blues-styles, with awards for Best Folk Lyrics for the Capital District Original Music Awards, 2018; Dorn Space Arts Center Breakthrough Artist of the Year, 2021, Outstanding Americana Artist, 2023, and Outstanding Music Performance, 2025; and Listen Up Awards Favorite Solo Male Artist, 2025. He is a nominee for The Thomas Edison Music Awards in 2023. He is a grant recipient of Saratoga Arts for Individual Artists, 2024. His songs are in rotation on WEXT Radio and streaming, Albany/Troy, NY, and on the Top Songs of 2021 List, WEXT-FM, two songs at Number 6 and Number 45. Tom's songs are self-described as "Songs to make you think," and range from serious to fun to current to reminiscent. Tom is also the sound engineer for folk duo Robin and Linda Williams when in our area.

Together, they are recipients of Dorn Space Arts Center Award for Music Outreach in 2019, and Listen Up Awards for Favorite Folk Duo in 2025; Saratoga Arts Mini-grant, 2024, and Saratoga Arts Community Grant, 2025. Their special historic song music programs include; Erie Canal Songs, Adirondack Lumber Camp Songs, Labor Union Songs, American Revolution Songs, Appalachian Historic Songs, and also offer "Songwriting Workshops for Everyone."

Current pursuits include continuing touring in their renowned touring van the "Most Magnificent Mobile" (dubbed as Maggie by listeners), community involvement, benefit concerts, and theater performances.

SELECT FESTIVALS AND SHOWS (No live performances during Covid pandemic):

Bennington Art and Craft Festival, VT, 2016, 2024, 2025

Southern Adirondack Wine Festival and Art Walk Gloversville, NY, 2014 to 2017, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

Saratoga Arts presents Art in the Park, NY, 2021, 2022, 2023

Sharon Springs Harvest Festivals and Garden Festivals, 2014, 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

Lower Adirondack Region Arts Festivals, (LARAC) Glens Falls, NY, 2014 to 2017, 2022, 2024, 2025

Saratoga Songwriter Showcase, 2025 / The Glove Theatre, Gloversville, NY, 2023 /

Pete Seeger's Beacon Sloop Festivals, Beacon, NY, 2012 to 2017

Mabee Farm Historic Site, NY, "Howlin" concert series, 2017, 2018, 2019

Woodstock Concerts on the Green, Woodstock, NY, 2018 / Westfield County Fair, MA, 2016, 2017, 2018 / Arts Night Out,

Northampton, MA, 2015 to 2018 / Macy's Department Store, Benefits, Colonie, NY, 2015, 2016 / Yankee Candle Village

Festivals, Deerfield, MA, 2014 to 2016, 2019 / Tin Pan, Richmond, VA, 2015 / 185 King Street, Brevard, NC, 2015

HISTORIC SONG PROGRAMS: Erie Canal Songs, Adirondack Lumber Camp Songs, Labor Union Songs, American Revolution Songs, Appalachian Songs; as well as Songwriters in the Round performances

SONGWRITING WORKSHOPS (all in NY): Adirondack Folk School, Olana State Historic Site, Old Forge Library, Sharon Springs Library, Amsterdam Library, Elwood Museum, Fonda Library, Schoharie Crossing Historic Site, and more

RADIO: Albany/Troy, NY: WEXT-FM, song rotation, Feb. 2020 to 2025

Albany/Troy, NY: Top Songs of 2021 List, WEXT-FM, with Tom Staudle, Number 6 and Number 45

Albany, NY: WEXT-FM, "Local 518" program, rotation and interviews, Chris Wienk, Andrew Gregory, 2014 to 2025

Roxbury, NY: WIOX-FM, Interviews and song rotation, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019

Amsterdam, NY: WVLTV-FM, Bob Cudmore, 2014, two shows, and podcasts, 2017, 2018, 2019

Montclair, NJ: WMSC-FM, Montclair University, interviews, Joe Pszonek, 2015 to 2017

TELEVISION: MNN-TV, Frank Craven Show, interview and songs, NYC, 2016, SACC-TV, Schenectady, NY, 2014

VIDEO COMMISSION: Historic Songs of the Erie Canal, Two Parts, Arkell Museum, Canajoharie, NY, 2021

CONFERENCES: Folk Alliance International, Private Showcases, Memphis, Toronto, Kansas City: 2012, 2013, 2014
Northeast Regional Folk Alliance (NERFA), Private Showcases, 2012, 2013

GRANTS: Saratoga Arts through NYSCA: Individual Artists grant, 2024; Mini-grant, 2024, Community Arts grant, 2025

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