



“Violet Bell puts an avant-garde twist on traditional roots music.” –INDY Week

VIOLET BELL

“Their songs reflect the beauty they find all around them and their sense of wonder and gratitude.”

—WUNC *State of Things*

Violet Bell weaves roots, soul, psychedelic, and classical music into a lush, wild soundscape. Their original songs are a wonderful genre mystery - folk, soul, classical, and psychedelia merge into a unique sound that the Chapel Hill NC based duo calls “Americosmic”. Touring as duo to quintet, Lizzy Ross (guitar, banjo, vocals) and Omar Ruiz-Lopez (cello, violin, guitar, mandolin, vocals) blend pop sensibilities with classical chops and folk traditions creating an “elegant marriage of strings and vocals” that is “delicate yet powerful” (Encore Magazine).

On stage Violet Bell share magnetic chemistry. Classical infused folk moves seamlessly to Americana or soul. Ross’s at once delicate and playful then powerful vocals are blended with perfect harmony vocals by Ruiz-Lopez and supported by inventive instrumental back up on any instrument he chooses. They have played more than 300 shows from Montreal to Miami in just over three years, honing the fiery intimacy of their live show and a building a steadily growing fanbase. Featured in 2018 at AmericanaFest® as a juried showcase artist, and juried showcase artists in 2019 at PAE and NC Arts Market, and touring as musical ambassadors for the US State Department in 2020, they are equally at home in a theater or festival setting.



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QUICK FACTS

- Home base: Chapel Hill, NC
- Touring config 2-5
- Current Album: *Honey in My Heart* (2019) recorded with Jason Richmond (Avett Brothers, Steep Canyon Rangers, Rising Appalachia)
- For Fans of: Mipso, Laura Marling, Brandi Carlile, Mandolin Orange, I’m With Her, Rising Appalachia, Punch Brothers

CAREER

- Touring as ambassadors for the US State Department 2019-2020
- Official showcasing artists at Americanafest 2018, PAE 2019 and ArtsMarket 2019
- Taught educational and inspiring workshops to students and communities of all ages in collaboration with KidzNotes, Diana Wortham Theatre, Elm St. Cultural Arts Center, and many more.