

# Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer

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TWO-TIME GRAMMY® Award Winners, Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer are master musicians with a career spanning over 35 years. Their superb harmonies are backed by instrumental virtuosity on the guitar, five-string banjo, ukulele, mandolin, cello-banjo, and more. Their repertoire ranges from classic country to western swing, gypsy jazz to bluegrass, and old-time string band to contemporary folk (including some original gems).

Cathy & Marcy have performed at hundreds of bluegrass and folk festivals and taught at close to 100 music camps worldwide. Happily known as “social music conductors” ready to start a jam session, a community sing, or create a music camp helping others learn to play and sing, the duo’s past students include Kaki King and Rhiannon Giddens.

They have performed with Pete Seeger, Theodore Bikel, Tom Paxton, Patsy Montana, Riders in the Sky, and a wide range of musical luminaries. They have entertained the Queen of Thailand, been keynote singers for the AFL-CIO, appeared on the “Today Show” and on National Public Radio. The Washington Area Music Association has recognized the duo with over 60 WAMMIE Awards for folk, bluegrass, and children’s music. Cathy & Marcy advocate in Washington for unions, health care for children, and the rights and livelihoods of artists.

The duo has toured worldwide, from Japan to New Zealand, Vancouver to New York, South Africa to Israel and everywhere in between. Recent festivals and venues include Merlefest, Wintergrass, Denver Ukefest, and Kate Wolf Music Festival. American Voices Abroad chose Cathy & Marcy with fiddler Barbara Lamb to perform in China, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu as cultural ambassadors for the U.S. Department of State.

Cathy & Marcy earned GRAMMY Awards for their recordings “cELLABration: a Tribute to Ella Jenkins”, and “Bon Appétit!: Musical Food Fun”. Their CD’s “Postcards” and “Banjo Talkin’” were GRAMMY finalists in the Best Traditional Folk Album category.

Cathy & Marcy currently live in Silver Spring, Maryland and Lansing, North Carolina.



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## Program Offerings

### AN EVENING WITH CATHY FINK & MARCY MARXER

Enjoy an eclectic mix of the duo's favorite original and traditional folk, old time country, and swing tunes, featuring superb vocal harmonies and dazzling instrumentals. The duo's consummate musicianship is matched by their enthusiasm for group singing, song leading, and inspiring people of all ages to get in on the fun.

The duo intersperses stories of the places they've visited and the incredible people they've met along the way such as Ola Belle Reed, Patsy Montana (first woman in country music to sell one million records), Lily Mae Ledford, Roy Smeck, and many more musical mentors.



### ROCKIN'THE UKE

Cathy & Marcy explore their versatility on the ukulele as they travel through blues, swing, old time county, folk and original songs - all in virtuoso style. From Django inspired solos to lush harmony singing, you'll enjoy the "silver throated slayer on your record player" in this all-ages concert. The duo's consummate musicianship is matched by their entertaining patter featuring soprano, tenor and baritone ukuleles along with the cello banjo, five-string banjo and guitar.



### GRAMMY-WINNING FAMILY CONCERTS

Cathy & Marcy are trailblazers in children's music and have been connecting families through music for over thirty years. Over 6,000 shows in performing arts centers, schools, folk festivals, community centers, libraries, and children's festivals have given Cathy & Marcy the superb skills to deliver a show that is fun, wacky, energetic, participatory, and meaningful. From an "Air Guitar" band to yodeling lessons and sing-able tongue twisters, their shows bring families together and allow kids to have fun and learn at the same time.



"They are spellbinding acoustic musicians, with a rare mastery of American roots styles. Parents will be as entertained by the sublime." - The Boston Globe

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The duo enjoys planning activities with presenters to match the communities in which they work. Suggested topics include: Community Sing, Songwriting, Harmony Singing, and more. Instrument workshops are offered for all levels on banjo, ukulele, and guitar. Cathy & Marcy also offer professional development for educators and librarians as well as new parents and caregivers of young children.



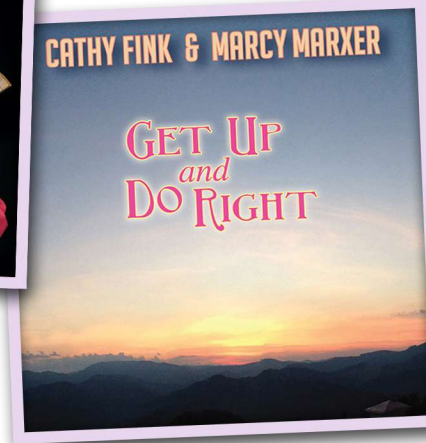
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## SELECTED DISCOGRAPHY

### FOLK, ROOTS & MORE

WAHOO! (Community Music, Inc. 2019)  
SHOUT AND SHINE (Fink, Marxer, Gleaves, Community Music, Inc. 2018)  
ZOOM A LITTLE ZOOM! A Ride Through Science (Community Music, Inc. 2019)  
GET UP AND DO RIGHT (Community Music, Inc. 2017)  
DANCIN' IN THE KITCHEN: songs for ALL families (Community Music, Inc. 2015)  
THINGS ARE COMING MY WAY (Community Music, Inc. 2013)  
ROCKIN'THE UKE (Community Music, Inc. 2011)  
BANJO TALKIN' (Rounder Records, 2007)  
GRAMMY FINALIST! Best Traditional Folk Album  
POSTCARDS (Community Music, Inc. 2002)  
GRAMMY FINALIST! Best Traditional Folk Album  
VOICE ON THE WIND (Rounder Records, 1997)  
A PARENTS' HOME COMPANION (Rounder Records, 1995)  
BANJO HAIKU (Community Music, Inc. 1992)  
CATHY FINK & MARCY MARXER (Sugar Hill Records, 1989)  
BLUE ROSE (Sugar Hill Records, 1988)  
THE LEADING ROLE (Rounder Records, 1985)



## SELECTED APPEARANCES

Merlefest (NC)  
Metropolitan Museum of Art (NY)  
Philadelphia Folk Festival (PA)  
Kate Wolf Music Festival (CA)  
Port Fairy Folk Festival (Australia)  
Musical Instrument Museum (AZ)  
Kerrville Folk Festival  
Oak Grove Folk Festival  
The Birchmere Music Hall (VA)  
Blue Ridge Music Center (VA)  
Swannanoa Gathering - Guitar Week (NC)  
The John F. Kennedy Center for the  
Performing Arts Strathmore (MD)  
Vancouver Folk Music Festival  
The Hamilton (DC)  
Saban Theater (LA)  
Woodstock Guitar Invitational (NY)  
Winnipeg Folk Festival  
The Smithsonian Institution

## WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

"Virtuosity and storytelling unite..."

- The London Free Press (London, ONTARIO)

"With nothing more on board than the duo vocalizing with their strings and things, they give a master class in organic, acoustic music and show what a difference chops make..."

- Midwest Record

"Possibly the most popular act of the weekend was the American duo Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer, who held a capacity crowd spellbound with their traditional and contemporary songs, and even the odd yodel."

- Western Leader, Auckland, NZ (The Auckland Folk Festival, New Zealand)

"As close to flawless folk/bluegrass as it gets..."

- Billboard Magazine

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