

I'm jazzed to be bringing back The Black Feathers. Their 2022 show sold out with a wait list so don't put off reserving if you want to see them here next month. You can also catch them the following day, Sunday the 15th, at Stage3 in Kingston.

What: The Black Feathers House Concert
When: Saturday Evening, October 14th
Time: Doors 7:00 PM. Music starts 7:30 PM. Two 45-minute sets with a 20-minute intermission.
Where: Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood. Address provided when your reservation is confirmed.
Potluck: Bring something to share with the community, if you'd like.
RSVP: Click on [RSVP](#) or on the RSVP link below under "**Reservations Required.**"
Covid: Masks optional.

The Artist. [The Black Feathers](#) is an award winning, UK, husband and wife Folk/Americana duo of Ray Hughes (vocals, acoustic guitar) and Sian Chandler (vocals). I first saw the Feathers at the 2019 FAR-West Music Conference where it took only a few songs, including this cover of Joni Mitchell's "[Big Yellow Taxi](#)," for me to become velcroed to their music and appreciate how exceptional they are: quality songwriting that ranges from upbeat and catchy to tender and personal, beautiful vocals, lush two part harmonies, varied guitar accompaniments and a palatable warm stage chemistry they share with each other and the audience. Check out two of my favorites..."[The Ghosts Have Eaten Well](#)," a reflective song about getting older and how one's perceptions change over time, and "[Down By The River](#)," an emotional piece about the pain of losing one's way (don't miss the a cappella harmony at 1:38-2:25; it's striking to me how well Sian's and Ray's voices are matched, even at a higher register.)

Ray is classically trained and studied at the Royal Academy of Music in Dublin. Sian began training as an actress before switching directions to focus on music. Ray and Sian met in 2004 playing in a folk rock band, began performing together as a duo in 2008, and joined forces to become The Black Feathers and life partners in 2012. Within their first year they were awarded the "Five Valleys Folk Award, the following year they picked up the 'Folkstock Arts Foundation' award for best live performance, and in 2016 won 'Best Duo' at the GSMC Music Awards. The duo's debut EP, *Strangers We Meet*, was recognized as one of the best folk and roots albums of 2014 by several publications; *Soaked To The Bone*, their debut album, won 'Debut Album Of The Year' at the 2016 Batea Awards. The Feathers have toured extensively across the UK, Germany and Holland and were featured in two documentaries on BBC Radio. In the U.S. the duo has been awarded official showcases at both the Folk Alliance International Conference and several Folk Alliance Regional Conferences, has performed at the Philadelphia Folk Festival, Boston's Club Passim, AmericanaFest and Nashville's Bluebird Cafe, and was a featured act at last year's Kate Wolfe Festival.

Reservations Required

- **RSVP.** Click on [RSVP](#) to request seats. Reply to this email with your seat request if the link doesn't work. I will send an email confirmation or let you know you've been placed on a wait list if the show is full. You won't hear from me for several days so please be patient.
- **Donation.** A donation of \$30-\$40/person is requested. Of course, more if you can within your means. Your entire donation goes to Sian and Ray. I'm trying to provide a living wage to touring musicians who still have a lot of mileage to make up and struggle with the high costs of gasoline and car rental.

• **Cancelations.** Out of consideration for artists I ask that people “Commit” to their reservation. If you cancel and I’m unable to fill your place(s) from a wait list I’ll request that you make a good will donation to cover the empty seats and potential loss of revenue to the artist, revenue that the artists depend on when planning and budgeting a tour. Touring musicians live by these performances - this is their livelihood - so please honor your reservation.

Upcoming Shows

- October 15 - The Black Feathers @ Stage3 in Kingston
- November 4 - True North Duo

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- February 3 - Kenny White
- February 17 - Jesse Lynn Madera
- April 14 - Moira Smiley
- September ? - Peter Mulvey