

Wyatt &
Barbara

Biography

Singer-songwriters Wyatt and Barbara are a husband and wife duo from Rhode Island. Their lively and engagingly warm performances feature acoustic guitar, textured harmonies, and mountain dulcimer. Listeners can expect to experience beautiful ballads, traditional folk songs, raucous rock and roll and country blues - all with lots of heart and a splash of humor.

Wyatt and Barbara have played festivals, block parties, coffeehouses, community arts centers, listening rooms, pubs, cafes, historic sites and college chapels in every New England state and beyond. Notable venues include The Big E (Eastern States Exposition), The Mediator Stage, AS220 Providence Arts Center, Newport Trinity Church Festivals, Pawtucket Arts Festival, Historic Tavern Hall, Delaware Friends of Folk Music Series at Wesley College Chapel, and their hometown Wakefield Rhode Island's Riverfire.

Wyatt has been part of the Rhode Island music scene for decades. His musical resume includes work with the bluegrass ensembles Banana Bunkhouse Boys and Neon Valley Boys, folk/country duo Wyatt and Sharp and the rock and roll band Snafu. As a solo artist his original songs provide vignettes of everyday life and dreams – a little country blues, some rock and roll, and ballads from the heart. He has shared the stage with Leon Russell, The Turtles, Jack Ingram, Aztec Two-Step, Commander Cody, Nicolette Larson, The Pousette-Dart Band, Paul Geremia and Jaime Brockett, among others. Wyatt plays six and twelve string acoustic guitars, mountain dulcimer, six string banjo and ukulele. In 2020 Wyatt released an album of twelve original songs titled “Destiny Road.” Destiny Road is available on Amazon, iTunes, Spotify and other streaming services.

Barbara was born in the rhythm and blues city of St. Louis, so naturally she has been singing as long as she can remember. Barbara's first solo performance was in high school, where she played guitar and sang the songs of Peter Paul and Mary and The Mamas and Papas. Her next solo performance was some time later, in 2012, with her dulcimer at the Mediator Stage in Providence, Rhode Island. Although Barbara and Wyatt started their love story in 1982, the songwriting duo wouldn't begin until 2013.

Notable Mentions

- Performed in every single New England state along with other states
- Shared the stage with Leon Russell, The Turtles, Jack Ingram, Aztec Two-Step, Commander Cody, Nicolette Larson, The Pousette-Dart Band, Paul Geremia and Jaime Brockett and more
- Released and digitally distributed 3 singles of original music as a duo
- Mentors of Rhode Island's non-profit music mentoring program, Rising
- Former Board Members of the Rhode Island Songwriting Association (RISA)

Photography





Press Featured Quotes

“Along with guitar, the headliners for the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Lema play a variety of traditional instruments, including ukulele, dulcimer, and bodhran. Their music is a mix of traditional Appalachian songs, Piedmont blues and many of their own Americana-influenced compositions.”

- Craig Horleman, *“Best Bets” Delaware State News*

“Traditional Appalachian ballads, plus Piedmont style fingerpicking blues, plus original country and rock influenced composition- these are all enticing ingredients to add to any musical endeavor for sure. That this melodic blend is being prepared and served up by two of the most loving, caring, and gracious people in the entire Rhode Island Arts & Music community is what makes the end result so much more satisfying and enjoyable.”

– Don Tassone, *Mediator Stage, Providence, RI*

“I hope you can join us ... at Tavern Hall as we welcome back to our stage Barbara and Wyatt Lema. It's always such a pleasure to have them here to play for us. Their wonderful song choices of timeless folk and Americana classics as well as many original songs are filled with a warmth that makes you feel like someone just threw another log on the fire. With Wyatt on guitar and the occasional dancing frog and Barbara with a beautiful collection of handmade mountain dulcimers this is a show you don't want to miss.”

- Bob Woods, *Tavern Hall Music Series, Kingston, RI*

“Barbara and Wyatt kicked ass!”

– Bluesman Hal York

Social Media Links

Website: www.WyattAndBarbara.com

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ReverbNation: www.ReverbNation.com/WyattAndBarbaraLema

Bandcamp: <https://wyattandbarbara.bandcamp.com/releases>

Soundcloud: <https://soundcloud.com/WyattAndBarbara>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMpsH5JCenkJD9e1NfbY3MA>

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