

DAVIS BRADLEY



Kathy **Davis & Bradley** Bishop have teamed up to present a one of a kind musical experience which is exciting, entertaining, and offers something for everyone! The innovative duo has drawn from their individual bluegrass, old time, and swing influences, to create something magical, while remaining true to the roots of the music they love. Fans can expect to hear fresh renditions of the classics as well as several original compositions. This dynamic song mix has helped to extend their combined reach, holding the door wide open to welcome those in search of something new and unique!

The Davis Bradley journey began less than three years ago when two seasoned performers discovered something special between them and combined their musical passion and talent to create a one of a kind blend. Together the pair has hit the ground running! In only a very short time the two have appeared in prestigious venues throughout the mid-Atlantic region. They have been regulars on WHAN, WSIG, and WPAQ, where they have frequently appeared live, as well as several popular internet radio stations such as bluegrassmix.com and bluegrassjamboree.com.

Davis Bradley has been widely recognized through their recording projects, “Cleared For Takeoff”, their debut album, and “Into The Blue”, the most recent release. Both projects include the fiddle mastery of bluegrass legend Ron Stewart, with equally notable participation from veteran bassists George Thomas, and Tom Gray, formerly of “Country Gentlemen” and “Seldom Scene” fame. The recordings include many classic songs, original music, and contributions from bluegrass greats such as Kevin Church, and Norman Wright, along with crime novelist John Linsey Hickman.

Kathy Davis performs on mandolin, guitar, and bass while lending smooth lead and harmony vocals to the duo. Kathy grew up in the small town of Short Gap, WV and currently resides in Linden, VA with her family. Music has always been a central part her life. Her father was the first to influence her music when she was very young. Kathy got her start performing with her family's band throughout her childhood. During this time, although still in Jr. High, she recorded several popular records with her family band. In time, they became familiar performers at many bluegrass festivals in their area. Kathy gained national recognition as a teenager when her family's band was selected to be the regular accompanists to the fiddle playing, late Senator Robert Byrd.

Kathy has shared the stage often with some of bluegrass music's most celebrated performers at their personal invitation. This growing list has included the likes of founding members of the Johnson Mt. Boys, Rebel Records recording artists "Lost and Found", "The Bluegrass Brothers", and the list goes on.

Kathy embraces every opportunity to connect to the audience. Fans remark at her versatility as she performs on several instruments. She shares a love of music from deep within her. When she sings it's warm and genuine. She is often recognized for her trademark mandolin playing as well which punctuates the richness of her song and tells a story which can only be told by one who's lived the music.

Brad Bishop entertains audiences on the banjo, guitar, bass, harmonica, clawhammer banjo, dobro, and adds lead and harmony vocals to the duo. He makes his home in Bowling Green, VA.

Music has always been a passion in his life. Brad has performed with many popular bands through the years and has become a much sought after solo performer, songwriter, arranger, and actor as well. Brad has studied the architecture of traditional music and has influenced, created and been a part of many popular bands throughout his career. His ear for writing and arranging was formed early on with the help of his father who offered him many examples from classic country, bluegrass and gospel songs. This foundation helped to shape Brad's taste and style.

Brad is a well-rounded performer with an enduring career. His long-time fans have seen him open for music greats such as the late Richie Havens, blues great David Bromberg, bluegrass legends Del McCory, The Nashville Bluegrass Band, Lost and Found, The Johnson Mt Boys, and more. As a songwriter Brad has appeared as a finalist in Richmond's "Songwriter Showdown", and spent two seasons as part of the Acoustic Circus Tour, a New York area tour featuring songwriters in the round. As an actor Brad has enjoyed a lead role twice in the popular musical "Smoke On The Mountain".

"Davis Bradley" has provided both Kathy and Brad a forum to perform, create, and entertain audiences while incorporating all their skills, experiences, and influences. Their passion comes alive in their songs, and touches fans deeply through their music and performance. A Davis Bradley show is personal and genuine. Audiences enjoy a connection to the music and the artists. Together they combine their gifts to do what they love. It's a life-tradition which is as much of who they are as what they do!

