

Great Blue Electronic Press Kit

Genre: Acoustic music, Americana, Original Songs

Members: Steve Kaplan (guitar, mandolin, vocals)
Shirl Lawrence (guitar, vocals)

Venues: Home concerts, coffeehouses, folk clubs,
outdoor markets and festivals, fundraisers,
conference social events, and concert venues

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Great Blue's Elevator Pitch

Great Blue is a musical duo using two voices, guitars and mandolin to weave a fabric of eclectic tunes that warm the heart and feed the soul. Our memorable harmonies are carefully delivered to touch people by emphasizing their meaningful lyrics. We strive to pass on songs from our musical influences, and to showcase tunes we've crafted ourselves. When you wake up after one of our performances, you won't need a radio. Our tunes will already be with you.

Great Blue's Short Bio

Shirl Lawrence and Steve Kaplan, a/k/a *Great Blue*, have been singing together for more than three decades in the Hudson River Valley. They are now based in the Rockies of Northern Colorado. Their beautifully crafted music has been heard at coffeehouses and festivals as a duo, and also as members of the Hudson River Sloop Singers and the Walkabout Chorus. Audiences can count on being touched by their carefully prepared harmonies and the powerful lyrics they use to grace them with. Listeners often comment about the beauty of Shirl's voice.



Their ever-increasing number of compelling and original home-spun tunes are complemented by those of Kate Wolf, Utah Phillips, Pete Seeger, well-known folk anthems, old songs, and songs echoing a clear environmental message. One sailor from the Hudson River Sloop Woody Guthrie who ought to know said Steve's "We'll Make It to Cocksackie" truly described how it felt to be in a rockin' Hudson River storm. This duo is now called "Great Blue" after the observant heron they often find during their kayak trips.

These two kindred spirits have spent many years perfecting their musical performances among other musicians they've worked with or opened for. They include Pete Seeger, Kim and Reggie Harris, Joe Crookston, David Amram, Odetta, Guy Davis, Eric Weissberg Tony Bird, Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon, and Sy Kahn.

What People Are Saying About Us

"I enjoyed their work enormously" -- Bob Sherman, *Woody's Children* on WFUV

"This is great, but the music you made last night was magic!" -- Artist Ted Berkowitz, at the star-studded Seegerfest (Bardavon Theater in Poughkeepsie), talking about our show at the Ferry Sloops Concert Series.

"People around here like your sound."-- Nick Mollé, videographer and naturalist, Estes Park, CO.