



ROUTE 358



Indie Americana/Bluegrass, Fayetteville, Arkansas

Route 358 is an Indie Americana/Bluegrass band based in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Their live sets combine covers and originals in the Folk, Pop, Americana, Bluegrass and Country genres blending dual vocalists father and daughter Derrick and Jade Mears voices with a variety acoustic instruments. The band transitions between, banjo and acoustic guitar combinations with Derrick and Jade's voices accompanied by their spouses Jade's mother Jodi, on Ukulele Bass and Jade's husband Grant on a custom designed stand up drum kit all of which gives Route 358 their unique sound.

The band was the Runner-Up in the 2016 Ozark Folk Festival Singer/Songwriter competition which is the longest running Folk Festival in the United States. Three of the songs from their 2016 EP "Alone Tonight" led to their selection and have also been receiving airplay on Indie Country Radio, and from regional radio stations.

In addition to their work in the studio, their live performance videos have been featured on Red Barn Studio's "Live Sessions" YouTube Channel. This videography group has worked with the Fayetteville Roots Festival, a festival which has featured artists such as The Punch Brothers, Watkins Family Hour, John Moreland, Gregory Alan Isakov, The Milk Carton Twins, Old Crow Medicine Show and others.

As the bands songwriter, Derrick's song "Monday Again" was the winner of the Paramount songwriting contest and his songs "Alone Tonight", "Long Hard Road", "Right Here" and "Chemistry" have been semi-finalists in the Song of the Year competitions where he earned the distinction of "Suggested Artist". As a solo performer he was a regional finalist in the Texaco Country Showdown and a contestant on the "Be A Star" television series the pre-cursor to the "Nashville Star" series.

Below are links to the Red Barn Studio "Live Sessions" as well as links to the band's website, and social media pages.

Red Barn Studio Live Sessions:

- [Alone Tonight-Route 358](#)
- [Watch It Burn-Route 358](#)
- [Lantern's Light-Route 358](#)

Websites/Social Media/RPK:

- Website: route358.info
- Facebook: [Route 358](#)
- RPK: [Route 358-RPK](#)