

Press Release

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The Woods Family releases debut album
"It's just what the world needs right now!"

OBAN- Argyll band, The Woods Family, announce the release of their debut album, "Tonic".

The Woods Family are the husband and wife Oban based duo of Rab and Michelle Woods. Rab, a fixture on the Scottish music scene as a founding member of popular acts including The Hollow Mountain String Band and The Kings Road, plays most of the instruments on the album, including guitar, mandolin, Dobro, bass, harmonica and fiddle. Michelle, also a member of HMSB, plays drums and percussion with a steady backbeat flavoured by her upbringing in Mississippi, the birthplace of American music.

Tonic was recorded in the couple's home studio during lockdown and is made up of Rab's original songs and tunes that Hollow Mountain perform live, as well as some he wrote especially for the album. He describes the sound as "blended Americana", with strong influences from across the Atlantic.

"We take some roots from Scotland, and beef that up with classic American country & western," Rab said. "Then we add some old time herbs, a few sprigs each of bluegrass and jazz, and for some sweet notes, more than a dash of blues."

Producer Reuben Taylor, who has worked with Meursault and Storm the Palace, and sound engineer Nile Sinclair, who has worked with Snow Patrol, Biffy Clyro and Amy MacDonald, help bring out the band's retro vibe on the album.

"Because I have a background as a disc jockey, we conceived of it as a tongue in cheek radio show," said Michelle. "I present Tonic as a local broadcaster in the fictional community of Cruachan County, complete with spoof ads and jingles."

Tonic features a special guest performance by keyboard player David Morrison, of The Placks.

Find out more and download the album at www.imaginealba.com/tonic.

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