



THE COMPACT 2017 (acoustic duet)

The Compact is one of the most visible and highly regarded groups in New York's Hudson Valley. Their signature sound grows from an intuitive, musical interplay and striking personality contrasts between long-time collaborators Erin Hobson (guitar) and multi-instrumentalist Steven W. Ross, whose main instrument is the bass.

The band is acclaimed for their spirited live shows, marked by bold musicianship and irresistible grooves, tinged with elements of Folk, Rock and Jazz yet have a unified and distinct feel. Each show, a deep study of sophisticated grooves, funky counterpoints, and adventurous songwriting.

The Compact's original songs are musical narratives, drawn from multiple chapters of the American songbook. Live they combine a natural reserve with free-spirited creativity that fuses pop hooks and earthy rhythms, with vocal friction between Hobson's smooth croon and Ross's thorny grit.

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The Compact has released two new singles - "Disease" (2015) and "Make A Wish" (2016), alongside their three full length albums, "1@AX (one at a time)" (2014), "Fortune Cookie Philosophy" (2011)," and "Talk Radio" (2009). Tracks from these albums continue to play locally and nationally on terrestrial radio stations, steamed on Spotify, Pandora and Apple Radio, internet radio and Sirius-XM satellite. "It's A Wash" was voted in the Top 100 Songs of 2014 by listeners of Radio Woodstock, WDST 100.1FM.

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For music, videos and more information about The Compact visit their label's website at www.chokingchckenrecords.com. All three albums are available in *CD and digital download format on their web store, through iTunes, CDBaby, and Amazon.*

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