

# **BIOGRAPHIES: FLAGSHIP ROMANCE + THE ROUGH & TUMBLE**

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### **General Bio:**

Flagship Romance is an unforgettable alternative folk duo known for their breathtaking vocal harmonies, inspired songwriting, dynamic live show, and a remarkable on and off-stage chemistry that will leave you with the feeling that you made two new best friends. Married singers-songwriters Shawn Fisher and Jordyn Jackson effortlessly fuse technical precision in their impeccably tight vocal blend with an invigorating sense of emotional abandon in their energetic live persona. Performing each show as if it could be their last, this duo will have you questioning how their larger-than-life sound can come from just two voices and an acoustic guitar.

Traveling over 250,000 miles since their musical inception, the duo has amassed an engaged grassroots following across North America and Europe. A testament to Fisher and Jackson's close relationship with their supporters, Flagship Romance has released five critically acclaimed full-length albums, including their recently released self-titled double album, 100% funded by their enthusiastic fanbase. To date, their multiple crowdfunding efforts have raised a combined total of over \$175,000 in direct support of their music.

In 2024–2025 alone, Flagship Romance completed three European tours spanning 11 countries and are currently booking another European tour for the winter of 2027. The duo is now embarking on a six-month cross-country United States tour co-headlining with fellow Americana duo The Rough & Tumble in support of their new double album. Currently based in Louisville, KY, Flagship Romance continues to expand their reach through relentless touring, authentic connection, and performances that leave lasting impressions long after the final note.

### **Extended Bio:**

Flagship Romance is an unforgettable alternative folk duo known for breathtaking vocal harmonies, inspired songwriting, and a dynamic live show that feels both electrifying and deeply personal.

The duo, consisting of married singer-songwriters Shawn Fisher and Jordyn Jackson, has traveled more than 250,000 miles since their musical inception, building a devoted grassroots following with a sound that is at once cinematic and intimate. Their catalog spans clever and poignant reflections on life's peaks and valleys, weaving together feel-good love songs, thoughtful explorations of spirituality, refreshing takes on the human condition, and transparent confessions of mental health struggles.

A testament to their close relationship with their supporters, Flagship Romance has released five critically acclaimed full-length albums, including their ambitious self-titled double album. Every project has been 100% funded by their enthusiastic fanbase, with crowdfunding campaigns raising more than \$175,000 in direct support of their music. Produced by GRAMMY award-winning producer Lee Miles, the self-titled double album represents the duo's most expansive and fully realized artistic statement to date.

Relentless touring has always been at the core of the duo's identity. In 2024–2025 alone, Flagship Romance completed three European tours spanning 11 countries, strengthening their international presence and cultivating loyal audiences overseas. With another European tour already being booked for winter 2027, their global footprint continues to grow.

In support of their new double album, Flagship Romance is currently embarking on a six-month cross-country United States tour co-headlining with fellow Americana duo The Rough & Tumble. Performing each show as if it could be their last, Fisher and Jackson combine technical precision in their impeccably tight vocal blend with an invigorating sense of emotional abandon on stage. The result is a performance experience so full and high-energy it is difficult to believe it comes from just two voices and an acoustic guitar.

A reflection of their genre-spanning catalog, the duo has opened for an eclectic range of artists including Iris DeMent, Half Moon Run, Andrew McMahon, and the Goo Goo Dolls. They have received enthusiastic responses at notable festivals such as Kerrville Folk Festival, Cayamo Music Cruise, Mile of Music Festival, Florida Folk Festival, and Strangecreek Campout. Flagship Romance has also been selected as an official showcase artist at the international Folk Alliance Conference in 2015, 2016, and 2023.

From 2012 to 2015, Fisher and Jackson founded and hosted Clean Water Music Fest, raising more than \$125,000 for charity: water and helping fund clean water initiatives in Malawi, Rwanda, and Ethiopia.

Currently based in Louisville, Kentucky, Flagship Romance continues to build community through authentic storytelling, grassroots connection, and the simple yet powerful combination of two voices and one guitar. With a newly released double album, a six-month U.S. tour underway, and another European tour on the horizon, the duo shows no signs of slowing down.

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## THE ROUGH & TUMBLE BIOGRAPHY

### **Short Bio:**

The Rough & Tumble is the dynamic folk-rock duo of Mallory Graham and Scott Tyler, known for their magnetic harmonies, heartfelt songwriting, and unmistakable on-stage chemistry. Blending roots, Americana, and pop-leaning melodies, their music is both intimate and joy-filled—songs about love, resilience, and finding beauty in the everyday. Whether trading verses, harmonizing in unison, or inviting the audience into the moment, The Rough & Tumble create performances that feel personal and communal at once. With a growing national following and a reputation for leaving rooms a little lighter than they found them, their music reminds us why we gather around songs in the first place.

**General Bio:**

The Rough & Tumble aren't casual road dogs, but they aren't letting on, either. From their upbeat, commanding stage presence and sharp banter, to their earworm-inducing melodies and heartstring lyrics, this thriftstore Folk-Americana duo refuses to bring the haggard road-worn stereotype to their audience-- even though they've earned it. In fact, The Rough & Tumble have been elbowing out of most stereotypes.

The Rough & Tumble, a dynamic duo comprised of Mallory Graham and Scott Tyler, have been captivating audiences with their unique blend of dumpster-folk and thrift store-Americana for over a decade. The Pennsylvania-born Graham and Central California's Tyler have a knack for weaving together elements of joy, sorrow, comedy, and drama in their music, leaving audiences on the edge of their seats. Their November 2024 release, *Hymns for My Atheist Sister & Her Friends to Sing Along To* has been getting to the heart of a nation divided, with radical notions of love and neighborliness. In the interim, the duo released *Winter Hare* in November 2025, a soft, wrenching EP of grief and its stages. Eagerly anticipated and long awaited is The Rough & Tumble's upcoming record, *A Little Bit, You Break My Heart*, their furthest variation from the folk scene, digging into rock'n'roll, but paired with the emotionally stark and blatant lyrics they've become known for. Alternative-folk duo *Flagship Romance* is heavily featured on the record, and dual audiences will be thrilled with the collaboration.

The Rough & Tumble are a hardscrabble folk/Americana duo with accordions and guitars, close-harmonies, ukuleles and oddball percussion. Their commanding stage presence and engaging performances have made them a not-to-miss band when they tour through town because you won't see the same show twice. They have been embraced by fans for their honesty, unique storytelling, hopefulness and well-crafted melodies.

**Extended Bio:**

After 15 years as a band, The Rough & Tumble can say they've seen the continental United States forwards and backwards, up and down, inside and out. They've bounced between Atlantic and Pacific, Gulf Coast to the Great Lakes and have seen the sheer magnitude of the National Parks from Acadia to Yosemite. They've walked their mastiffs along the Rio Grande, up Mount Ascutney and through the Flint Hills of Kansas. When a hail storm interrupted their swim in the Black Hills, they ran for cover with a bunch of bikers on their way to Sturgis and hid out from tornadoes in basements and public bathrooms from Tennessee to Minnesota. They have never hopped a train but have parked their camper for the night next to many train tracks. They've woken up on the sides of one lane roads up steep Sierras and next to dumpsters in back of the venue they played the night before. They've done yoga at gas stations and have been kissed by a wolf in Colorado. They've seen Salt Lake City at night, high on a mountain, the lights of the city reflecting the expanse of the milky way above them and they'll tell you that it filled them with that wide open wonder that you can only find in the high desert. They'll tell you they were only there because they were sleeping in the Wal-Mart parking lot and if you looked down you'd see spent hypodermic needles in the sage brush. They've found common ground with people they disagree with, sung atheist hymns in Church, and have more than once mourned with those they met only minutes before. They once found a hamster on a glue trap in FL and after scraping her off, named her Goo and traveled with her for 3 years. They've made a life as independent musicians and they'll be the first to say it's because of the kindness of strangers who, after showing up night after night, have become friends.

This is the United States as seen by a tiny traveling folk band and this unique perspective and imagery fills the songs of The Rough & Tumble.

Mallory Graham and Scott Tyler formed The Rough & Tumble in 2011 and that decision quickly turned their life upside down. By 2015 they were living full-time in a 16ft camper with their first dog Butter, by 2016 they were married, and playing over 150 shows all over the country. This

itinerant lifestyle suited them and allowed for diverse experiences to pour into their songs and flavor their interests. They've got a theory that an audience doesn't care about your music if you don't care about your audience. And so The Rough & Tumble have made it a point to get to know their fans and learn about the places they play.

Their musicianship has always been a little eclectic; incorporating accordions, ukuleles, guitars and nose-flutes and oddball percussion into a thriftstore Americana that leans on bluegrass as well as rock n'roll, all while maintaining the powerful, teardrop-in-the-throat vocals they're known for. They've become a not-to-miss band when they tour through town. After releasing an EP or an album almost every year since 2011, there is enough material where you won't see the same show twice. It's this searching and constant evolving that has kept them working all these years, responding to the social climate and their own personal lives with stark honesty and their songs carry the emotional resonance of that reality.

There are plenty of points of entry for The Rough & Tumble; folky familial heartache? Try 2021's We're Only Family If You Say So. Raucous Americana? 2023's Only This Far is for you. Looking for cold, sad songs about grief for the short days of the year? Check out the most recent EP, Winter Hare, recorded with friends and frequent collaborators The Honey Badgers. Or maybe you're like one of the many who resonated with the message of unity and radical, irreproachable love on the humanist gospel album, Hymns For My Atheist Sister and Her Friends To Sing Along To. It's also possible that you're just not even into their music, but instead enjoy the dog photos, funny stories, handbound books by Mallory or vegetarian recipes they post in their very active Patreon and social media communities. There's plenty there that isn't music, including essays, creative writing and the radio-drama styled Penny Jar Story Theatre. Whatever way you found your way to The Rough & Tumble, they're just glad you're here.

While these two now make their home in a cabin in a little town in the foothills of New Hampshire's White Mountains, they still spend at least half the year on the road. You can find them playing listening rooms and festivals across the country, house concerts on the sides of mountains and cozying up at your local coffeeshop the morning after a show.

A List of Some Notable Accomplishments:

2025: Successful months-long tours with The Honey Badgers and Flagship Romance  
Hosted first Weekend Spooctacular in our home town, a weekend of music and immersive New England experiences.  
Released Winter Hare

2024: Atheist Sister goes semi viral on Tik-Tok with over 110,000 views  
Released Hymns For My Atheist Sister and Her Friends to Sing Along To featuring Flagship Romance, Ordinary Elephant, Dave Coleman, Sam Robbins, Halley Neal, Alice Wallace, The Honey Badgers

2023: Old Coleman camper breaks down for the last time and a new Casita was purchased outright after raising \$22,000 from a crowdfunding campaign  
Received the Iguana Fund grant from Club Passim to purchase new equipment for their home studio, affectionately called Random Bark Studios.  
Released Only This Far

2022: Scott and Mallory move to New Hampshire  
Released Love is Gross...but it looks good on you

2021: Found a hamster on a glue trap and named her Goo.  
Released We're Only Family if You Say So

2020: Two week tour with Canadian Folk Duo, Piper and Carson, before the world shut down. Cancelled a whole year of shows, but found an audience online. Wrote a lot and developed new hobbies like bookbinding and printmaking. Scott joined the Yamaha Ambassador Program and was given a Yamaha Red Label FS5 which he plays to this day. Released home recordings Everything Goes Viral But My Band Released two singles on Dutch Baby Records

2019: "The Hardest Part" won the Independent Music Award's Americana Song of the Year. Released Howling Back at the Wounded Dog Got their dog MagPie Mae.

2018: Released We Made Ourselves a Home When We Didn't Know, funded by a successful Kickstarter Campaign

2017: Released Cardboard and Christmas Lights, via Rock Candy Records.

2016: "Pieces and Pieces" featured on Welcome To Nightvale Got their dog, MudPuddle. Got married on leap year day. Released Pieces and Pieces, for like named film by Alyssa Pearson.

2015: Moved into a 16ft camper and hit the road as full-time musicians. Contributed to the Nashville star-studded Book/Album Based On: Nashville

2013-2014: Released The Rough & Tumble's Holiday Awareness Campaign, funded by a successful Kickstarter Campaign.

2012: Played the International Biscuit Festival and thought they hit it big with a \$400 guarantee.

2011: Formed band and released 3 EP's in the first year.

Festivals played: 30A, Mile of Music, Nor-East'r, Sioux River Folk Festival, Campfire Festival, Thumbfest, Ossipee Valley Music Festival, Falcon Ridge, South Florida Folk Festival, Black Bear Americana Festival, Official Showcase artists at Folk Alliance International, SERFA, NERFA. Grant recipient Iguana Fund from Club Passim