

# Music – Wild Ponies hit the rodeo

Old Town/New stealth venue **Cabaret Voltaire** – corrals visiting transatlantic troubadours, **Wild Ponies**.



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The Edinburgh Reporter was asked if we were picking-up on Americana outfit **Wild Ponies**`album **Galax** after Bob Harris` Radio 2 show just recently? Darn, it has been near to driving the office dargon` Nashville nuts ever since! Even better, they are gigging at Edinburgh`s Cabaret Voltaire this very November 10th. Some gushing praise precedes them.

‘**Galax** pays tribute to the powerful music and rugged landscape of Southwest Virginia, where both Wild Ponies` members Doug and Telisha Williams were born and raised. There, in mountain towns like Galax, oldtime American music continues to thrive, supported by a community of fiddlers, flat-pickers, and fans.’

`The stripped-back album nods to the band`s history while still pushing forward. Recorded in the shed behind Doug`s old family farm in the Appalachians (steps away from the site where Doug and Telisha were married), Galax returns Wild Ponies to their musical and geographic roots.

Galax`s track list is filled with upright bass, acoustic guitar, twin fiddles, Telecaster, banjo, pedal steel, mandolin, harmonies, gang vocals, and even some stripped-down percussion. Every song was recorded live, never once pausing the process to listen to the performance they`d just captured. It wasn`t until Wild Ponies returned home to Nashville that they finally heard the wild magic documented during those

mountaintop sessions.`

