**Steve and Ruth Smith**

***Acoustic Americana Music*** *with Celtic & Appalachian Roots*

Steve and Ruth Smith, from the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, play a unique blend of Appalachian Americana music featuring hammered dulcimer, guitar, and old-time banjo. Both are prolific songwriters and composers.

Dirty Linen Folk & World Music Magazine says “Ruth Smith's touch on the hammered dulcimer is absolutely magical, with exquisite phrasing, highlighting the range of the instrument especially on her own pieces.”

Steve is an ASCAP award-winning songwriter. Dulcimer Players News says, “He is a master storyteller and the perfect vocalist to convey the meaning of his lyrics. His songs stand out for their imagery and melodic strength, on par with John Denver’s songs.” Steve adds fingerstyle guitar, clawhammer banjo, and vocals to the duo.

Steve and Ruth have been playing music together for 45 years. They have performed their music extensively in the U.S. and internationally. Check out their CDs, sheet music and newest single releases on their website: www.steveandruth.com.