

Hit List



Wild Carrot & the Roots Band

Crowd Around The Mic
Blue Jordan Records

Playing an appealing mix of folk/Americana and bluegrass, this band is made up of four regular folks determined to become fine players.

Singer/songwriter/guitarist/mandolinist / concertina player Pam Temple shines when she combines her endearing alto in harmony with bassist Brenda Wolfersberger or when singing her original, “Bits and Pieces,” where she soars over strong support from Brandt Smith’s resonator guitar and Wolfersberger’s bass.

All four band members know their way around their instruments. Wolfersberger is solid on bass, and Temple is a sure-handed guitarist. They’re matched by Smith and Spencer Funk, who plays guitar and mandolin; coupled with Smith’s banjo, his effort makes the Dillards’ tune “There Is A Time” standout. “Time” and “Adieu False Heart” follow, and the latter rivals the Ann Savoy/Linda Ronstadt version, provide two of the album’s transcendent moments. The intimacy of the performance translates to the disc with all the charm that characterizes their shows, and their music, in general. – RA