



BIOGRAPHY



Multi-award winners **Bettman & Halpin** have a well-earned reputation for hypnotizing performances filled with irresistible lyrics, transcendent harmonies and roof-raising instrumentals. Their concerts combine high-energy upbeat bluegrass/roots inspired compositions, beautiful ballads with soaring vocals and heartfelt lyrics, and groovy feel-good songs that audiences will be singing in their heads for weeks thereafter.

The Pasadena Star calls them "storytellers in the fireside tradition".

Bettman & Halpin create an authentic connection with their audience. And they have become as known for their storytelling and playful banter as for their hooky whole-hearted songs and instrumental wizardry.

Bettman & Halpin have been touring as a duo since 2008, and including the trio and quartet since 2013, and can be found performing at various arts centers throughout the US as well as some of the biggest Folk and Bluegrass Festivals. Their music creates a fully acoustic, delightfully eclectic sound far greater than the sum of its parts: taking the listener from up-tempo down home fiddlin', to soulful sorrowful ballads, to super hooky folk/pop with catchy melodies and lyrics.

"... emotive, Joan Baez-inspired vocals, award-winning fiddle playing, head-spinning mandolin and guitar picking, and velvety, close harmonies..."

- Music News Nashville

Stephanie Bettman is a true triple threat. An accomplished writer, singer, and fiddler: her lyrics are infused with wit and wisdom, poetry and insight. Vocally she draws comparison to the soaring soprano of Joan Baez and the plaintive emotion of Emmylou Harris. Meanwhile, her fiddling, which combines elements of bluegrass and jazz, is inspired by such masters as Stephane Grappelli and Byron Berline. A former actress and trapeze artist, Ms Bettman creates an authentic connection with her crowd no matter the size.

Luke Halpin is a renowned multi-instrumentalist. A master of the guitar, mandolin, fiddle and banjo. Halpin draws inspiration from the likes of Sam Bush, Mark O'Connor and Tony Rice and holds his own in comparison. A dynamic and sensitive vocalist himself, the harmony blend he and Ms Bettman achieve is at times simply transcendent. Halpin has a long history in the music biz, having shared the stage with the likes of Merle Haggard, Lone Star and The Steve Miller Band (to name a few). His quirky sense of humor is a perfect foil to Stephanie's dry witty presence.



Bettman & Halpin's 5 CDs have received national and international radio play along with critical acclaim; reaching the top 3 on Folk DJ radio and number 1 on The Roots Music Report.