



BIOGRAPHY

PoorBoy is an acoustic/ roots duo that has been gaining fans ever since its inception in the fall of 2014. Don Gowan and Audrey Gross saw a niche that still needed to be filled for straight -up, home grown and traditional music that will leave you tapping your foot one minute and then just possibly find you wiping a tear during one of their soulful renditions the next minute.

Don and Audrey are shameless in crossing barriers between folk, country, bluegrass and gospel genres. Whether creating beautiful original tunes or bringing new life to an old favorite, they're bound to leave you feeling like you've just had a visit with a long lost friend!

Don Gowan is a multi-instrumentalist and fine vocalist with a musical arm that reaches as far back as the "80's" and "90's" when he toured much of Canada playing festivals and clubs as a member of the duo Cahoots, the Blue Rambler and the Swing Geezers. You may have caught up with him on television, CBC or CKUA radio. Possibly when he appeared with Valdy, Spirit of the West, Connie Kaldor, Bill Bourne or Amos Garrett, to mention a few of his performances. If Don is not playing, you will most likely find him teaching guitar, mandolin or ukulele, cause that's just what you do when you simply love what you do!

Audrey Gross adds her beautiful vocals along with tasteful guitar, mandolin and harmonica to PoorBoy. Her captivating harmonies perfectly complement whatever style fits the musical moment. As one of the original "June Bugs" she has fond memories of her recent ears travelling and playing festivals and concerts throughout Alberta and BC. Audrey has garnered attention several times with her insightful and soulful original interpretations as a finalist on the Calgary Folk Festival singer/songwriter stage however she says, "I've never wanted to be labeled as a songwriter. That seems to bring a certain amount of pressure to be creative and I generally prefer to wait for the "muse" to strike. Fortunately that seems to be occurring pretty regularly these days but I hope never to stop feeling excited about it when it happens!"