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The Bluegrass Situation Announces Partnership With Basic Folk Podcast

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Los Angeles, CA – Jan. 16, 2025 – The Bluegrass Situation is pleased to announce a new partnership with its signature podcast Basic Folk, now an official BGS production. Hosted by Cindy Howes & Lizzie No, Basic Folk has been distributed on the BGS Podcast Network since 2021, but is now officially part of the roots media organization’s stable of first-rate, original shows.

BGS is thrilled to continue to grow the show with updated branding, more live tapings around the country, and a commitment to expanding their deep catalogue of envelope-pushing interviews. Most recently, Basic Folk debuted a brand new logo (designed by Belhum Design) and theme song (composed and performed by Dietrich Strause), both serving as a festive marker of this new era of collaboration.

“The Bluegrass Situation is one of the coolest media platforms in any musical space,” says Cindy and Lizzie. “As the landscape of podcasting, social media and roots music evolves at hyperspeed, we are stoked to be docked on the equivalent of the International Space Station known as BGS. Our evolution is tied in with theirs. Cheers to another year of telling folk stories and making queer mischief on Basic Folk.”

2025 is already destined to be a big one for Basic Folk. The show and its hosts will be back onboard Sixthman’s signature roots music cruise, Cayamo, with even more live podcast events to come throughout the year. Already the year has brought new interviews with legendary Grammy-winning

dobro player Jerry Douglas and visceral folk-artist Lutalo. Later this winter, Basic Folk will reach the momentous mile marker of their 300th episode.

BGS co-founder and executive director Amy Reitnouer Jacobs says, "From our very first meeting, it was obvious that Cindy and Lizzie were like minds and a perfect addition to our podcast family. Over the years, they've built not just a show but a dedicated community of listeners and artists alike, not unlike our own mission at BGS. I'm thrilled to officially make them part of our production slate in 2025!"

[Stream the new Basic Folk trailer](#), and dive into their backlog of 290+ past episodes wherever you listen to podcasts.



Hosts Lizzie No and Cindy Howes

ABOUT BASIC FOLK: Basic Folk features honest conversations with folk musicians hosted by Cindy Howes and Lizzie No. We approach interviews with warmth, humor and insightful questions. Since 2018, this podcast has dignified under the radar roots musicians by providing a platform that they might not otherwise have. You'll hear interviews from three-time Grammy-winning guitar gods like Molly Tuttle, Haitian-American folk legends like Leyla McCalla and deep feelers like songwriter John Hiatt.

Basic Folk is dedicated to showcasing the best in folk, bluegrass, acoustic and Americana including Black, Brown and Queer folks who have been excluded, or felt like they did not belong, in the folk world. Cindy & Lizzie each bring unique perspectives to their honest conversations with folk professionals. Basic Folk is equally dedicated to repainting the broad landscape of folk music as we are to tearing down the ivory towers of the music industry. BGS is proud to welcome the show into their family of programs.

ABOUT BGS: The Bluegrass Situation (or BGS as it's come to be known) is the world's largest community for American roots music, culture, and lifestyle. What began as a blog for like-minded Los Angelenos pining for bluegrass in Southern California has morphed and grown over a decade to become an international standard-bearer for all of the things beloved within every branch and offshoot

of the roots music family tree. From vibey folk-pop to ravishing alt-country; plus blues, singer/songwriter, Americana, old-time, and everything else above, below, and in-between.

In addition to their online magazine and podcast network, BGS proudly also represents a unique gathering place for audiences: producing events like their original online variety show *Whiskey Sour Happy Hour* – hosted by BGS co-founder Ed Helms during COVID lockdown – and their annual bluegrass stage at Bourbon & Beyond festival in Louisville, Kentucky. BGS is proud to support and uplift the rich, diverse, and varied history of these musics, while looking ahead with a progressive vision to transform our folkways and traditions for a carefully curated, 21st century lifestyle open to all.

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