

DownRiver Collective Bio

DOWNRIVER COLLECTIVE is an amalgam of influences from across the roots music world. Blurring the lines between traditional folk and progressive acoustic music, DRC draws on diverse backgrounds to create a sound that is both fresh and familiar. Following the lead of Virginia native John Gray and Floridian fiddler Bailey Warren, the DownRiver Collective has evolved from a three-piece folk group to a full-bodied string band with the added help of fellow Belmont University alumni. Connected by a love for bluegrass, Gray and Warren were drawn naturally to vocalist Ali Vance, mandolinist Rico Wallenda, and guitarist Jonny Therrien, who were all members of the same college ensemble. In the harbor of the classroom, the DownRiver Collective began to take shape.

Now, after a pilot run as the original three-piece with their debut album Kettleridge, DRC has released their seven song EP “Off the Shelf.” The new music is a reflection of the band’s growth and signals a new sound from the young up-and-comers.