

Emma's Revolution delivers a message of peace

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Two years after the release of "One," nationally acclaimed folk-duo Emma's Revolution is preparing to release the follow-up, **"Roots, Rock & Revolution!"**

Fans looking for an early taste of the album can get a sampling of three new tunes at www.myspace.com/emmasrevolutionfans.

Featuring a guest appearance by Jethro Tull drummer, Doane Perry, and The Malvinas violinist, Gina Forsyth, "Vote" is a jovial indictment of election tampering and stolen votes.

"If they can count 424 billion for the war /why can't they count our votes/ if they can count thousands of bombs and still be buying more/ why can't they count our votes?"

A catchy melody and a Dixie Chicks-countrysque sound make this one that'll leave a musical imprint in your ears and have you singing it for days.

"If I Had a Hammer" is the group's heartfelt cover of an ode to unity originally written in 1949 by Pete Seeger and Lee Hays. The song has a long history of association with people's movements and is considered a civil rights anthem.

"I Will Stand" is a simple, beautiful meditation on hope and courage with a Celtic-folk musical lilt.

Supported by partner Sandy Opatow on guitar and vocal harmony, longtime singer-songwriter Pat Humphries performs lead vocals singing: "In the warmth of your presence/ I am safe at home/ I will stand, I will stand/ In the deepest conflict/ I am not alone/ I will stand, I will stand."

The site also features what has become the group's trademark song, "Peace, Salaam, Shalom," which translates the word and message of peace into multiple languages.

Those interested in seeing Emma's Revolution can catch the duo in its third annual trip to Brevard County on Saturday night.

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