

-- Steve V. Johnson, Bloomington Songwriter Showcase

Born in Kansas, singer-songwriter-guitarist Jason Fickel was bitten by the blues as a teenager. He headed South to Mississippi where he apprenticed himself to blues masters James "Son" Thomas and Othar Turner. Next he went North, first to Rhode Island and then to Chicago, where he honed his songwriting craft. He has been called "Elvis Costello wearing Donovan's boxers" and his tune "Get Your Car Off My Lawn" was featured on NPR's Car Talk. Jason's killer slide guitar and wry lyrics create a musical experience wished by the power and versatility of vocalist Ginger Curry. Born in Kentucky and raised in the rich traditions of Southern Baptist gospel music, her voice communicates the wide range of the human experience from barrelhouse blues to soul-stirring ballads. Beyond gospel and blues, she is an established songwriter in the new thought community and still finds time to express her Kentucky roots singing in an old-time bluegrass band.





Jason & Ginger released their debut album, "Jokerville," in 2011 and that same year were semi-finalists at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, TN. Recent venues have included Two Way Street Coffee House (Downers Grove, IL), Cherry Ghost Coffeehouse (Washington, IN), Crazy Wisdom Tea Room (Ann Arbor, MI), Players Pub (Bloomington, IN), Second Saturday Coffeehouse (Skokie, IL), Quincy's Café (South Bend, IN), Bryan Park - Bloomington (IN) Performing Arts Series, Oliver Winery (Bloomington, IN), Folk Alliance Region Midwest (various showcases) and WFHB Firehouse Follies. In 2013 they released their second CD, "A Good Man Is Hard to Find: Celebrating the Women of the Blues", a recording project that emerged from their Classic Blues program of storytelling and songs.