

ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Band
Ninebarrow

Band Members
Jon Whitley
Jay LaBouchardiere

Accolades

Best Duo
Folking.com Awards 2019

BBC Radio 2 Folk Award
'Horizon' Nominees 2017

Album of the Year Winners
Nova FM Folk Show 2018

Best Duo Nominees
Fatea Magazine 2016
Folking.com 2017

Top Folk Albums of the Year
The Telegraph 2014 & 2016

Best Debut Album of 2014
Fatea Magazine

Quotes

★★★★★

'Stunning'
Maverick Magazine

★★★★★

'Immaculate'
EFDSS Magazine

★★★★★

'An absolute joy'
The Morning Star

'Genuine Britishfolk music charm'
The Telegraph

'Absolutely monumental'
Mike Harding



Ninebarrow are a multi-award-winning folk duo, who are impressing audiences across the country with their innovative and captivating take on the folk tradition. Described by Mark Radcliffe as sounding 'like two halves of one voice' and by Mercury Music Prize nominee Kate Rusby as 'absolutely amazing', Jon Whitley and Jay LaBouchardiere combine breath taking vocal harmonies and melodies, delivering original songs that are inspired and rooted in the landscape and history of the British Isles. As well as crafting unique and engaging original material, Ninebarrow also take a wide-range of traditional folk songs and rework them in their own, distinctive way.

In a few short years, the Dorset-based duo have carved themselves a distinctive niche on the folk roots scene for their outstanding harmonies, delicate instrumentation and engaging songs. In 2017, they were nominated at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards in the 'Horizon' category for 'Best Emerging Artist'. One of the highest accolades in their genre, it was made even more exceptional because it was only a few months prior to this that Jon Whitley and Jay LaBouchardiere relinquished their jobs as a teacher and GP in favour of a full-time music career – an act of faith that has clearly paid dividends.

Since then, the duo have continued their upwards trajectory, graduating to more senior award categories, most recently picking up 'Best Duo' in the 2019 Folking.com awards.

Named after Nine Barrow Down in Dorset's Purbeck hills, the duo have released three critically acclaimed albums with their most recent, *The Waters and The Wild*, receiving five-star reviews in the Morning Star and EDS Magazine. This latest album has also been described by folk luminary, Mike Harding, as 'absolutely monumental'.

It is the multi-award-winning duo's modern and inventive take on the folk tradition that seems to be captivating audiences across the country. Not only exceptional singers and musicians, they are also equally passionate about the stories behind their songs. A live session on BBC Radio 2's Folk Show, described by presenter Mark Radcliffe as 'immaculate', has led to a string of sell-out shows across the UK.

Because of the strong link between Ninebarrow's music and the Dorset landscape, the duo were invited to record an episode of Clare Balding's *Ramblings* for BBC Radio 4 in October 2019. Following the broadcast, in which Clare described the Jon and Jay's singing as "So lovely!", the duo's two most recent albums immediately jumped to No. 1, No. 2 in Amazon's Folk Best-Seller chart.

Engaging, charismatic and humorous - Ninebarrow are winning new fans wherever they go. See them live, and you'll quickly understand why.

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