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# WOLF & CLOVER

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## **WOLF & CLOVER ANNOUNCES SELF-TITLED DEBUT ALBUM AND RELEASE CONCERT!**

January 8, 2018, Columbus, Georgia – Columbus-based acoustic quintet, Wolf & Clover, is pleased to announce the completion of their debut album with a release date of Saturday, February 10, 2018. This release will be accompanied by a free concert in Columbus State University's (CSU) Legacy Hall the same day at 7:30pm. The concert is co-sponsored by CSU's Schwob School of Music, and the group is sponsored by Silvan Guitars, a local guitar company specializing in handmade acoustic instruments and the refurbishing of vintage guitars. The concert will feature selections from the album, which include traditional tune sets, songs, and interpretations of classic material and innovative twists. Guest musicians will include students from the Schwob School of Music, Robert Sharpe, Neal Lucas, and Mike Jerel Johnson.

"This album represents over a year of hard work by the group. We love what we do and are thankful to be able to make music together. It's a very collaborative effort with every member bringing strengths and ideas to the table. The album sounds absolutely amazing, and the release concert is going to be free, family-friendly, and fun." – Stephanie Payne, whistles and flutes

Wolf & Clover is an acoustic quintet from Columbus, Georgia, heavily influenced by Irish and Celtic musical traditions. Members of the band include: Jeremy Bass (mandoline, guitar, bouzouki) holds a doctorate in guitar performance from the University of Kentucky and has many years of traditional Irish music experience. Justin Belew (guitar, accordion, pipes, voice etc) is an experienced engineer, producer, studio owner, and musician from Georgia who attended Point University majoring in piano. Jessica Bennett (violin, viola, and voice) is a graduate of CSU's Schwob School of Music and expert singer, songwriter, and session player. She is also the owner of JLB Studio, where she teaches music to young people. Matthew McCabe (guitar, bouzouki, banjo, etc) earned his Ph.D. in music composition from University of Florida and has been studying the Irish language for several years. He teaches Audio Technology at the CSU Schwob School of Music. Stephanie Payne (flutes and whistles) performed with the Florida State University Irish Music Ensemble while earning her Master's in Arts Administration. She is also an alumna of the Schwob School of Music and is currently the Executive Director of the Youth Orchestra of Greater Columbus.

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