

# Doofus

**Doofus** is indeed a strange name for a band. It usually refers to somebody whose elevator doesn't go all the way to the top but it stops short of being an insult when used as good-natured banter between and among good friends. So while it might mean "village idiot" to some, it's really a token of their affection for each other and the wonderful music they make together.



Doofus is a lively old-time band consisting of two couples: **Neal & Coleen Walters** and **John & Heidi Cerrigione**. Together they play guitar, autoharp, dulcimer – mountain & hammered, mandolin, banjo, and acoustic bass. They play old time, traditional and sentimental songs and tunes as well as more contemporary music that sounds like it was written long ago.

Each member of the band has years of experience teaching, playing with other groups, and writing/editing articles about folk music, including their specialty – old time music. In 1996, Doofus collaborated and produced a repertoire book of *30 Old Time Songs & Tunes* for mountain dulcimer and autoharp. Neal edited and Heidi contributed to *Music Hound Folk: the Essential Album Guide to Folk Music*, published by Visible Ink Press. Doofus has been featured at events across the country including Augusta, Claremont, Dulcimore, Heartland, Cranberry, String-A-Long, Housatonic, Dulcimer Daze, Swannanoa and many others.

Neal & Coleen live in Greencastle, PA while John & Heidi live in Ellington, CT. Neal is a former member of the Mill Run Dulcimer Band with whom he has recorded eight albums. John and Heidi are also members of Jerimoth Hill along with Aubrey Atwater and Elwood Donnelly and they have released one album. As a band, Doofus has four CDs available: *What Did We Leave Behind?* (1996), *Handful of Songs* (1998), *Relatively Serious* (2000) and *Stream of Time* (2006). Both couples also have duet albums available: *Wood Stoves and Bread Loaves*, *Winter's Turning*, *Joy to the World* and *Stay on the Farm* (John & Heidi) and *Snowbirds*, *My Pathway Leads to Pennsylvania* and *Old Friends* (Neal and Coleen).

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