

Rachel Sumner & Traveling Light

Bookish bite. Sharp harmonies. Songs about saints, scientists, and stubborn women.

Fresh off their Telluride Bluegrass Band Contest win, Rachel Sumner & Traveling Light are a Boston-based string band making music that blends folk tradition and highlight feminist storytelling. At the center is Sumner's songwriting—rooted in history, myth, and personal reckoning—carried by close harmonies, upright bass, acoustic guitar, and fiddle. The trio features Kat Wallace on fiddle and vocals and Karl Henry on upright bass and vocals, whose playing brings both tension and tenderness to the sound.