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New this week on eTown: The Infamous Stringdusters and Daniel Rodriguez

Plus, an interview with
the Venerable Bhikkhu Paññākāra



What does Colorado music sound like? This week's broadcast explores that question with artists whose journeys have helped shape the state's musical landscape in very

different ways.

The Infamous Stringdusters join us in a celebratory mood, with music from *20/20*, a collection of 20 original songs celebrating two decades of exceptional musicianship. Grammy-winning road warriors, The Infamous Stringdusters have earned every accolade along the way.

Singer-songwriter **Daniel Rodriguez** shares songs from *Harboring Pearls*. Produced with help from Wesley Schultz of The Lumineers, the record places Daniel's songwriting and voice front and center, revealing some of his most personal (and searching) work to date.



[In our interview](#), eTown host Nick Forster speaks with the Venerable Bhikkhu Paññākāra, the Buddhist monk who recently led a 2,300-mile Walk for Peace from Fort Worth to Washington, D.C. Over several months, he and fellow monks crossed nine states sharing a message of compassion.

This week's songs:

The Infamous Stringdusters: "Working Man Blues," "Dead Man Walking," "Holding Onto You" and "Light at the End of the Day"

Daniel Rodriguez: "El Dorado," "Graduation" and "Abilene"

Finale: "Man Smart, Woman Smarter" (Traditional)

Show highlights



The lead single from The Infamous Stringdusters' 2026 album *20/20*, "[Working Man Blues](#)" pairs bluegrass energy with a look at the realities of working life.

"Rent goes up and prices soar," but the song finds hope in friendship and those moments when you can "punch out when the day is done" and "hit the bar to find some fun." This is classic Dusters.



Colorado songwriter Daniel Rodriguez captures both longing and resilience in "[Abilene](#)," a standout from his album *Harboring Pearls*. Through images of alleyways, cottonwood trees, dashboard candles and "the constellation of a broken heart," Daniel paints Abilene as both a place and a metaphor for perseverance.



For this week's finale, The Infamous Stringdusters, Daniel, Nick, Helen and the eTones gather for a spirited singalong of "[Man Smart, Woman Smarter](#)," the folk classic popularized by artists from Harry Belafonte to the Grateful Dead. A lot of talent on stage for this one!

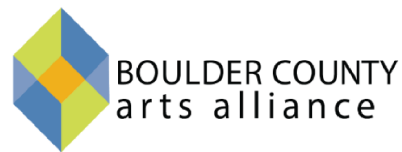
Featured event: EmmyJean Jenkins, June 9 at eTown Hall



Country songs, personal stories and a healthy dose of humor come together on **Tuesday, June 9**, for **EmmyJean Jenkins' *Queer Country Cabaret*** at eTown Hall. The alter ego of composer Annika Socolofsky, EmmyJean writes songs about hope and love, delivered with a theatrical flair and stories celebrating identity, community and connection.

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