

Thunder and Rain

***Start Believing* (Self Release)**

Thunder and Rain is a country/roots band from Golden, Colorado.

They released their debut album, *Holler Out*, in 2015 and a follow-up EP in 2016, *Run With You*. They are a 4-piece, with Erinn Peet-Lukes (vocals/guitar), Pete Weber (mandolin), Ian Haegele (bass) and Chris Herbst (Dobro/lap steel) being joined for this project by a further four musicians and three back-up vocalists to deliver a full studio sound.

The melodies are very strong throughout and all songs are written by Erinn Peet-Lukes and RP Oates. Production is by John Mcvey and the thirteen tracks here are bright and breezy. Peet-Lukes is a fine singer and her vocals carry the arrangements along with a swing and a tempo that highlights the excellent playing on tracks like *Tennessee Is Burning*, *Start Believing*, *Cut The Wire* and *Wyoming is For Miles*.

I am reminded of *I Draw Slow* on repeated listens and that is no bad thing.

For all lovers of country music that borders on bluegrass but with a modern twist.

- *Paul McGee, Lonesome Highway*