

SOUTH OF POLARIS



AWARD-WINNING FLAMENCO-INFUSED ALT FOLK

Danii Reales: Vocals and Violin · Saúl Díaz: Electro-Classical Guitar

WINNERS OF THE 2026 MILKMAID FOLK SONGWRITING COMPETITION

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ABOUT SOUTH OF POLARIS

South of Polaris is the Flamenco-infused Alt Folk duo of Danii Reales (UK) and Saúl Díaz (Spain). Their distinctive sound brings together intimate folk storytelling, the fire of flamenco and the theatrical energy of rock, driven by Danii's Vocals and Violin and Saúl's intricate Electro-Classical Guitar.

Born from grief, their music became a form of healing, and on stage they move effortlessly from hushed intimacy to explosive intensity. Recent appearances include Cambridge Folk Festival and Bury Folk Festival. Their debut EP, *The Year After* (2024), earned Cambridge NMG Award nominations in two consecutive years, and in 2026 their song *Becoming Ocean* won the Milkmaid Folk Songwriting Competition. With a new album in production, South of Polaris continue to push at the boundaries of contemporary folk while keeping emotional honesty and their Anglo-Spanish identity at the heart of their music.

Their story

Danii, originally from Northamptonshire, and Saúl, from Seville, are the husband-and-wife duo behind South of Polaris. They met almost 18 years ago while working aboard cruise ships, before moving to southern Spain together. Now based in Bedfordshire, they formed South of Polaris in 2022 following the loss of Danii's dad. What began as a way of navigating grief has become a creative partnership that connects deeply with audiences across the UK.

HIGHLIGHTS

Winners, 2026 Milkmaid Folk Songwriting Competition, with *Becoming Ocean*

Nominated for a Cambridge NMG Award, Folk and Americana, in two consecutive years

Festivals include Cambridge Folk Festival, Bury Folk Festival, West Coast Folk Festival and Derby Folk Festival

Supported Mad Dog Mcrea, Ríoghnach Connolly & Honeyfeet and Tom Bright

Radio support from BBC Introducing, Fine Folk (Lincoln City Radio), Cambridge Radio and more

Debut album currently in production

WHO'S WHO

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WHAT PEOPLE SAY

"Bursting with originality and invention, these poetic outpourings by South of Polaris are sublime, intricate and precise. An important contribution to the folk tradition."

ALAN RITSON, FINE FOLK, LINCOLN CITY RADIO

"I feel like I'm in some sort of book or wonderland of storytelling."

KERRY COSH, BBC INTRODUCING THREE COUNTIES

"This is a duo, confident in their craft but still raw and unfurling, like they are still discovering the power of what they have created."

FOLKMYLIFE, LIVE REVIEW, BALDOCK FOLK CLUB

"The songs are beautifully delivered with vocal purity, clarity and power when required."

FOLK NORTH WEST, REVIEW OF THE YEAR AFTER EP

"Danii's voice can soar to incredible heights and then drop to soft melancholia, meanwhile Saúl's guitar work is more than impressive, from brisk flamenco to gentle picking."

BALDOCK FOLK CLUB

NOTABLE PERFORMANCES

Cambridge Folk Festival
Bury Folk Festival
West Coast Folk Festival, Winter Gardens, Blackpool
Derby Folk Festival
Kashmir Fringe Festival, Isle of Wight
Quay Arts, Isle of Wight
John Peel Centre, Stowmarket
The BIGG Theatre, Biggleswade
Kontra Roots
Cambridge Folk Club
Baldock Folk Club
Bowes Park Folk Club

RADIO SUPPORT

BBC Introducing Three Counties
Fine Folk (Alan Ritson), Lincoln City Radio
New Music Generator, Cambridge Radio
Strummers and Dreamers, Cambridge Radio
The Folk Club, Burwell Radio and West Norfolk Radio
Folk Friday Radio
Cardiff Radio
Hertfordshire's Mix 92.6
Bedford Radio



Photo: Paul Hudson (Down at the Front)

WATCH AND LISTEN



Live video: Alone



Live videos playlist



Recorded music



Photos, bios and logos

Scan or click. The Year After EP is on all major streaming platforms.

BOOKING INFORMATION

Line-up: Danii Reales (Vocals, Violin) and Saúl Díaz (Electro-Classical Guitar)

Technical needs: 2 x DI boxes, 2 x monitors, 1 x vocal mic and stand. Full tech spec and stage plot available on request or from our Press & booking page.

Based in Bedfordshire and happy to travel. We're glad to talk through set lengths, sound and travel for your event.

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