

Family Shiloh

AT THE
Cold Copper Ranch

A love of heartfelt music and family harmonies flows in the Penningtons' blood. While Colby and Kimberly have been matrimonially and musically active together since 1997, the band has evolved from a husband-and-wife duo to a full-fledged family affair, with all five children, one daughter-in-law, and several in-laws and siblings participating in the effort. Jonah Pennington, 19, brings the excellent musicianship to the table, adding a versatile list of instrumentation to the mix, while Chloe, 17, contributes fiddle, piano, songwriting and an amazing voice that consistently turns heads in their live performances. Adeline, 15, adds beautiful harmonies and fiddle while Patience, 12 and Amelie, 10 provide excellent vocal support as they grow on their own instruments of choice.

After recording three previous albums and playing hundreds of shows across central Texas over the last few years, the family came upon a unique and special opportunity. Colby describes it as such:

Down a Burnet County backroad sits a quiet ranch filled with majestic longhorns and Texas hill country views, a perfect place for our family to receive an album's worth of songwriting inspiration. Mike and Kali Smith run a quality operation with a focus on the utmost love and respect for every Longhorn that finds a home with the Cold Copper Cattle Co. The charming creatures are a part of the family here on the 4C. When we stepped on the Cold Copper Ranch for the first time, the Smiths made our family feel right at home. As they shared stories of their longhorns and the family history that brought them to this moment, we envisioned capturing these experiences musically as an indelible tribute to a uniquely Texan way of life and the special people that live and breathe it.

This project was an honor and a dream come true for me, having always had a passion for songwriting and especially intrigued by troubadours like Woody Guthrie, who was once commissioned by the federal government to write about what he saw along the Columbia River in the Pacific Northwest. Cold Copper has provided a similar opportunity to our family - a union between the Longhorn ranch life and country music - two of Texas' most beloved and iconic traditions.

To properly tell these stories, we needed help from a top-notch team of Texas musicians and musical engineers. With the ranch's support, we were able to enlist the services of many of our favorite music professionals Texas has to offer. We are very pleased to present to you the final result.

Produced, recorded and mixed by Steve Chadie (Willie Nelson) and Billy Horton (Charley Crockett), and recorded at Arlyn Studios (Austin) and Fort Horton (Wyldwood) with additional musicians such as legendary harmonica player Mickey Raphael, the album is a tribute to the tried and true tradition of Texas country music.

RECOMMENDED TRACKS:

Delta Lucky Ace, Come With Me, (It's Gonna Be A) Longhorn Day,
Burnet County Backroads, In Lieu of You

RIYL: Willie Nelson & Family, Mandolin Orange, The Carter Family

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