



## *Introducing The Island Duet*

Caren and Paul Umbarger, St. Augustine's husband and wife violin, guitar, and vocal duet, make wonderful music together. Performing well-loved selections that span the generations – including Gypsy, Jazz, Folk, Rock, Beatles, Irish, Classical, R&B, Swing, and Show Tunes – these talented musicians deliver with artistry and pizzazz!



In addition to performing the widest musical variety in Northeast Florida, what truly distinguishes The Island Duet are their:

- *Original, Unique Arrangements*
- *Intimate, Dynamic Style*
- *Breathtaking Purity of Sound*

Caren and Paul naturally draw an audience in with their warmth and musical excellence. The Island Duet creates such an inviting atmosphere that people come back again and again wanting more.

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## About Caren & Paul Umbarger



**Caren Umbarger**, a classically trained violinist, began playing at age 5. She earned a BA in Violin Performance from Hamline University and has performed professionally since 1983 in classical chamber groups, the eight-piece show band, *Blue Daddies*, and *The Island Duet*. Caren has been a private studio teacher since 1983, was co-founder and Artistic Director of *Artistic Youth Ensembles of Minnesota (AYEM)*, and Artistic Director of the *Flagler Youth Orchestra*. Also an author, Caren's debut novel, *Coming To: A Midwestern Tale*, won a 2011 Florida Book Award for General Fiction.

**Paul Umbarger** is an accomplished vocalist and guitarist who began playing and singing in church groups at age 10. After graduating with a BA from Duke University, he formed *The 'U' Two* guitar/vocal duo – the first of many professional musical ensembles he has led, which include: *Blue Daddies*, an eight-piece rock, rhythm & blues show band; *The Fab Forever*, a touring Beatle-band; *The Uptown Duet*, forerunner of *The Island Duet*; *Blue Chips*, a rock band in France; and *The Island Duet*. Paul has been a private studio teacher of guitar, piano, electric bass, and trumpet since 2003. He was Band Director of Lake Country Montessori School, and co-founder and President of *AYEM*. Paul is also a painter and an arranger/composer, and has written most of the arrangements performed by *The Island Duet*.



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## *Music for Weddings*

The Island Duet performs live wedding music with elegant classical and popular arrangements for violin and guitar. Wedding ceremony selections range from slow and pensive to joyous and celebratory, and include all the pieces from the well-known wedding repertoire. The standard wedding package includes:

- Preliminary consultation with Bride & Groom
- Prelude (20-30 minutes before ceremony)
- Processional
- Music during the ceremony
- Recessional
- Postlude (5-10 minutes after ceremony)
- One special request



Caren and Paul are dependable professionals with more than 30 years of experience helping couples create beautiful and memorable weddings. From prelude to postlude, from the cocktail hour through the reception, The Island Duet delivers the perfect musical backdrop.

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## *Testimonials For The Island Duet*

"You made me laugh, you made me cry. You broke me apart and you put me back together again. I love you guys!" - *Lee Weaver*

"I just want to thank you again for making such a wonderful impression at the ROMANZA Gathering yesterday! Everyone thought you guys were just terrific!" - *Anne Kraft*

"What's so great about your act is all the different kinds of music you play." - *Katie Rinaldo*

"I thoroughly enjoyed your music, a fine blend." - *Holly Robert Mulkey*

"Caren also provided some fabulous musical entertainment with her husband, Paul... their Island Duet is extraordinary!" - *Susan Brandenburg*

"The music provided by The Island Duet was wonderful, as always, and we had a good crowd all evening." - *Steve Tavender*

"I love The Island Duet!!!" - *Kristina Ransom Tejada*



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# Folk, jazz, Irish, show tunes and more by The Island Duet

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Paul and Caren Umbarger are the Island Duet, a husband and wife duo who perform together and give private music lessons.

**COMPASS**

Paul and Caren Umbarger, a St. Augustine husband and wife duo, will perform at 7 p.m. March 20 at DOS Coffee and Wine, 300 San Marco Ave.

The two are known as the Island Duet, and play guitar, violin and sing a variety of musical style — gypsy, jazz, folk, rock, Beatles, Irish, classical, swing, R&B, and show tunes.

The couple has been playing together since 1997 and has developed an extensive repertoire of well-loved tunes, which includes

many original arrangements composed by Paul.

They are both private studio music teachers, giving lessons in St. Augustine Beach.

Caren, a classically trained, professional violinist, has taught violin, viola, and cello since 1983. She served as artistic director of the Flagler Youth Orchestra for three years.

Caren came from a musical family and started playing the violin at age five. Her grandfather was the principal cornet soloist and assistant conductor for John Philip Sousa. She also is an accomplished

**IF YOU GO**

**When:** 7 p.m. March 20  
**Where:** DOS Coffee and Wine, 300 San Marco Ave.  
**Admission:** \$10  
**Call:** 904-342-2421  
**Online:** dosbar.com

author, whose debut novel, "Coming To: A Midwestern Tale" won the 2011 Florida Book Award Bronze Medal for General Fiction.

Paul, who has performed professionally since 1981 in the U.S. and France, teaches guitar, piano, trumpet and electric bass.

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## St. Augustine's Festival of Music

Free event Oct. 12 features Spanish, classical and eclectic performances



Caren and Paul Umbarger perform as The Island Duet, on stage at 1 p.m. Oct. 12 during St. Augustine's Festival of Music, held in the Plaza de la Constitution.

The city's oldest music festival will run from 1 to 9 p.m. Oct. 12 in the gazebo of the Plaza de la Constitution, between King Street and Cathedral Place, in downtown St. Augustine. This year's lineup features more classical and string ensembles including violin, guitar lute and banjo. Flamenco guitar, jazz piano, classical piano and an eclectic violin and guitar duo also will be on stage.

The Island Duet will open the show. Caren & Paul Umbarger bring eclectic violin and guitar works along with standards to the stage.

**FESTIVAL OF MUSIC SCHEDULE**

- 1 p.m. The Island Duet — Caren & Paul Umbarger on guitar & violin
- 2 p.m. James & Sylvia Kalal — Spanish guitar
- 3 p.m. AIA Blues Band
- 4 p.m. Dennis Fermin — Fermin Spanish Guitar
- 5 p.m. Play It Forward Presentation
- 5:30 p.m. Reanna Franklin — Old City Strings
- 6 p.m. Skyler Revis — classical pianist
- 7 p.m. Zane Creelius — piano
- 8 p.m. Anna DeProspero-Smith

**FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK**

Anastasia Books, 81 C King St., 827-0075: Local author Caren Umbarger will sign copies of "Coming To: A Midwestern Tale" from 5 to 9 p.m. The book has won the 2011 Florida Book Awards bronze medal for general fiction. Umbarger is also a classically trained violinist, and she and her husband will perform during the event. Known in the area as The Island Duet, they perform gypsy, jazz, folk, rock, Beatles, Irish and swing music, and will play a few Woody Guthrie tunes to honor the centennial of his birth.

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# Romanza gathering to feature The Island Duet

» Former mayor George Gardner will be the guest speaker, presenting highlights of St. Augustine history

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Romanza announces its next monthly gathering will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Feb. 11 at the rooftop of the San Sebastian Winery, 157 King St. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided by the winery. There will be a cash bar.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Caren and Paul Umbarger, who perform as The Island Duet.

The duo performs acoustic violin, guitar and vocals — unique, original arrangements in a wide variety of styles including gypsy, jazz, folk, rock, Beatles, Irish, classical, swing, R&B, and show tunes.

The featured speaker is former Mayor George Gardner, presenting highlights of St. Augustine history. Can you guess significant dates: 1776? 1565? 1964? And the less significant, 1586? 1777? 1835? These are the dates all St. Augustinians

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## City Repertory Theatre

@ Hollingsworth Gallery

Saturday, May 19 @ 7:30PM.

Includes a glass of wine and snacks.  
\$12.00

The Island Duet, featuring Caren and Paul Umbarger, is an acoustic violin, guitar and vocal duo that performs a diverse selection of styles including: Gypsy, Jazz, Folk, Rock, Beatles, Irish and Swing. Their musical versatility, original arrangements and compositions, and intimate style entertain audience members of all ages.



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## Jazz vespers will celebrate Earth Day

Special to The Record

St. Cyprian's monthly Jazz Vespers will celebrate Earth Day with the music of the Island Duet (Paul and Caren Umbarger)

at 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

The informal service of readings, prayers and great music is open to all. Following the service there will be a wine and cheese reception in the

church's Mission House.

St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church is a progressive Christian community located at the corner of Martin Luther

# *The Island Duet*

*Romantic  
Sophisticated  
Live Music*



*St. Augustine & Northeast Florida*

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