

# THE MOONRISE CARTEL

## FOLK ROCK FROM BLACK ROCK



Winner: New England Music Awards – 2025 Rising Stars of Connecticut

*The Moonrise Cartel is an original American folk-rock band blending folk, indie rock, and Americana — with a touch of gospel. The band features soaring harmonies, introspective lyrics, and a vintage sound profile balanced by a modern touch, making their music equal parts timeless and for the time.*

*Their rapidly growing fanbase (known as Cartel Members) now coins their sound:*

***"Folk Rock from Black Rock."***

# BIO

*Fueled by songwriter Al Pascarelli's deeply personal reflections on a lifelong battle with mental illness, alcoholism, and his eventual emergence from the darker shades of the human experience, this is a band with multiple gears — one that takes you on a powerful journey.*

*His voice is paired upfront with Stephanie Harrison, who wows with striking vocal prowess, effortlessly shifting between stunning power and heartbreakingly delicate delivery.*

*Multi-instrumentalist Jason Polise provides a sonic feast of electric guitar, saxophone, keys, and more — offering texture and range that elevate each performance.*

*It's all held together by the rock-solid rhythm section of Benj LeFevre (bass) and Steve Tobey (drums), grounding the band with groove, drive, and depth.*



## SHARED STAGES WITH / OPENED FOR

BUDDY GUY  
SOPHIE B. HAWKINS  
THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS  
PETE FRANCIS (DISPATCH)  
ALLISON PONTHER

## NOTABLE VENUES

PLEASANTVILLE MUSIC FESTIVAL PLEASANTVILLE, NY  
CT FOLK FESTIVAL BRIDGEPORT, CT  
FTC STAGE ONE FAIRFIELD, CT  
PARK CITY MUSIC HALL BLACK ROCK, CT  
LEVITT PAVILION WESTPORT, CT  
THE PALACE- UPSTAGE STAMFORD, CT

## LIVE VIDEO

BAH (CityLights) [Click Play](#)

Ready To Believe [Click Play](#)

There's A Light [Click Play](#)

Goodnight, Magnolia [Click Play](#)

Saints, Bums & Lunatics [Click Play](#)

Myrtle Beach, 1990 [Click Play](#)



## @A GLANCE

### BAND NAME

The Moonrise Cartel

### LOCATION

Black Rock, CT

### BULLSEYE GENRE

Folk-Rock

### TANGENTAL SOUNDS

Americana, Roots Rock, Blues-rock

### MEMBERS

Al Pascarelli - Guitar, Vocals, Songwriter  
Stephanie Harrison- Vocals  
Jason Polise- Electric/Keys/Sax+  
Benji LeFevre - Bass  
Steve Tobey - Drums

### PERFORMANCE STYLE

Impressive lead female and male vocals  
Sweeping harmonies  
Melodic, Nostalgic, Big moments  
Dynamic gorgeous piano playing  
Upbeat, driving anthems to low-tempo ballads

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