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Chances are, you've never been to Lebanon, Ohio. It's landlocked in the Miami Valley north of Cincinnati, equal parts northern and southern, city and country, and it's where the Housh clan grew up. Brothers J.D. and J.K. Housh trolled around these parts until they entered adulthood, and each went their separate ways, J.D. up the road to Columbus and J.K. out west to the Bay Area. They'd see each other every year or so, and the wine would flow, the instruments would come out, and the songs (new and very old) would eventually fill the air.

Recently, the two got together long enough to record some of those songs (which only their wives, mom, dad, and grandparents had heard) so that other folks could listen in on the brotherly love.

Catalpa Boys (named after a variety tree in their front yard as kids) showcases the unique singing, songwriting, and playing talents of each — J.D.'s fingerpicked, country-blues and J.K.'s more wily, playful approach — on a variety of noisemakers, gitboxes, saws, and train whistles.

On their own, each has carved out time in other combos — J.D. in Columbus indie veterans Moviola, and J.K. in San Francisco's Our Lady of the Highway, Nickel Beer Riot and as a hired gun on different instruments in countless Bay Area combos. Yet blended together, these two brothers put a beautiful, new twist on the ages-old family musical tradition (Delmore Brothers, Carter Family) blending their voices and instruments in perfect, genetic harmony.

Discography

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Track listing:

- 1 - Single Seer
- 2 - Grandfather Clock
- 3 - No Word
- 4 - Money in the Bank
- 5 - Stained Glass
- 6 - Cat Autry
- 7 - Squabble
- 8 - Hole in Our Hearts
- 9 - All My Tomorrows
- 10 - Catfish
- 11 - Anchored Airplanes
- 12 - Aching Bones
- 13 - Resurrection

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