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Whoreshoes

Sure, with an endless illegal war, a Congress of political eunuchs, and Dick Cheney calling all the shots from bunker to bunker, it ain't easy finding something to celebrate on our national holiday, but mercifully, we still have America's wonderful musical heritage to rally behind. If you're seeking refuge from flags and fireworks, kick up a row with local heart-breakers the Whoreshoes. The

quintet belong in the same breath as contemporaries
Jolie Holland and Freakwater, with their shared reverence for fireside-radio country and folk-song forms, but these self-described proponents of "sassgrass" dash honky-tonk harmonies with lusciously barbed tongues on barn burners such as "Hit the Road" and the galloping spoon rhythm-driven "Blue Skies." (Todd Lavoie)

With the Lost Coast and the Bluegrass Revolution 7 p.m., \$12 Cafe du Nord