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Idlewheel succeeds with chemistry and craft on its latest

Craig Bickhardt is a singer-songwriter who wrote numerous smart country hits in Nashville before returning home to the Philadelphia area. **Jack Sundrud** of Nashville is a member of the country-rock group **Poco**. Together, they are **Idlewheel**, and on **Live at MorningStar** Stone Barn **** (out of 4) they exhibit a dazzling blend of chemistry and craft.

Playing acoustic guitars and accompanied by just a drummer, Bickhardt and Sundrud trade lead vocals and harmonize on a sterling collection of songs, building on a stylistic history that weaves from the Everly Brothers up through the glory days of country rock and folk-rock. In a different time, **Idlewheel** no doubt would have been massively popular.

- Nick Cristiano, Philadelphia Inquirer