

ARRANGED MARRIAGE

The story of Arranged Marriage is a good one.

They didn't meet at art school and they didn't meet on Craigslist. An eager manager had no hand in their formation. They didn't meet at a show either.

Arranged Marriage is a father (Brad Allen) and son (Scott Allen). *Dearly Beloved* is the record they made together at home. They indulged in their mutual musical loves, and they took their time. They built a home studio, learned Protocols and experimented with trashcans as drums.

DEARLY BELOVED

of his sons Scott and Ryan.

Scott Allen has been writing and performing music since his teenage years as well. He spent his high school days performing and touring with his brother Ryan in Red Shirt Brigade. After their split, Scott and his brother once again joined forces to start the spazzy-electro-punk band Thunderbirds Are Now.

Thunderbirds Are Now have released three full length records, toured Australia with The Hold Steady and Les Savy Fav, and didn't stop to breathe for several years.

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The product, *Dearly Beloved*, is a gorgeous and fun investigation of their common ground. Moving from piano-pop, to country, to classic American rock, the album never sits idle.

Tracks like "Sit Alone" speak pure Nilsson, one of the great pop minds of Brad's generation. "Is All Mine" recalls Elliot Smith, one of the great pop minds of Scott's generation.

Brad Allen has been writing and performing music since his teenage years in the 1960s. He has spent a substantial amount of time encouraging and fostering the musical talent

Arranged Marriage is a father and son making a direct musical connection. It's also a son settling down from the rigors of loud rock music and touring. And it's also a father taking more interest in his son than most people can claim.

Dearly Beloved is not only admirable, it is the soundtrack for mutual admiration.



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