

Ruth Minnikin and her Bandwagon

BAND STORY


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STATS

Visits	Plays
1,400	108
Streams	Downloads
108	0

Featured Songs

-  **Admirable Admiral** Folklore
-  **Chicken Cooped up in Country Music** R&B

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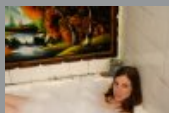
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2007 Reels –Autumn Country - bass, singer, keys, percussion
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2008 Tribute Album to Thrush Hermit - contributed song
2008 The Russian Futurists (Toronto) - guest singer

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