The Cowboy Junkies — Peter Timmins, Alan Anton, Michael Timmins and Margo Timmins — will be at The Boathouse Tuesday.

Mournful cowboys

The Cowboy Junkies could more accurately be called desolation angels.

The Junkies, who play Tuesday at Norfolk's Boathouse, have carried a sense of despair and dashed dreams through two albums. They write of characters trapped in hopeless situations. Yet the Toronto-based band plays with the feeling of a heavenly orchestra. Singer Margo Timmins' voice is light as gossamer.

Expect the Junkies to play a lot of their latest LP, "The Caution Horses," with its songs about life's heartaches.

Ride along with Cowboy Junkies at 8 p.m. Tuesday at The Boathouse, 119 Bessie's Place in Norfolk. Tickets cost $9 and are available at the Norfolk Scope box office, E-Z Tiks outlets or charge by calling (800) 448-9099.