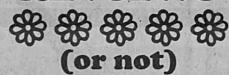
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TURNED 21 IN PRISON JOHNNY CASH, MERLE HAGGARD

id vou watch PBS American Masters' Merle Haggard: Learning to Live with Muself? Solid all 'round with some especially poignant moments from Miss Bonnie Owens (obviously recorded several years ago prior to Alzheimer's taking her in 2006). The producers opted for a chronological approach, interspersed with recent concert footage. And Merle is still brimming with populist spunk and country soul.

& SAN QUENTIN

The segment on incarceration in San Quentin offered Mr. Haggard yet another opportunity to reflect on the transformational impact of seeing Johnny Cash perform live and in person: "I saw [Cash] at San Quentin, January 1, 1958. He was able to command a bandstand and command the show with about 4,000 inmates. Magic. I started to think about that, rather than how to do something wrong." Haggard has mentioned this cathartic moment in both his autobiographies, Sing Me Back Home: My Story (Times Books, 1981) and Merle Haggard's My House of Memories: For the Record (Cliff Street Books, 1999), although he provided no specific date in either

OK... over the years, I've accumulated a Hag/Cash San Quentin file focusing on

January 1, 1958. Hold on tight...

January 1, 1958, turns up in Michael McCall's Johnny Cash: An American Legend (AMI Books, 2003), Stephen Miller's Johnny Cash: The Life Of An American Icon (Omnibus Press, 2003), Michael Streissguth's Johnny Cash At Folsom Prison: The Making Of A Masterpiece (Da Capo Press, 2004), Marty Stuart's notes for the Columbia/Legacy reissue of Johnny Cash At San Quentin (CK 66017, 2000), and numerous magazine articles and internet references.

Only one problem: Haggard was not yet a San Quentin inmate on January 1, 1958. In fact, one of the chapters in Sing Me Back Home is titled 'Christmas Eve in Bakersfield Jail.' Christmas Eve as in December 24, 1957. From Merle Haggard's My House of Memories: "It was a gloomy day in March 1958 as I rode handcuffed to another guy [on the way to San Quentin]." Yet, Merle has continued to cite 1958 as the date he saw Cash perform at San Quentin.

Mr Cash hasn't helped matters. In Man In Black (Zondervan Publishing House, 1975), Johnny offers, "Merle Haggard was an inmate in San Quentin Prison the first time we appeared there on January 1, 1958." And in Cash: The Autobiography (HarperCollins, 1997): "... I got a letter from San Quentin, asking me to perform at their annual New Year's show on January 1, 1958... and did it for several years in a row ... I didn't know until years later, when he told me so that Merle Haggard had been in the front row for three of those concerts."

Only one problem: According to his tour schedule, Cash's first time to perform at San Quentin was January 1, 1959, not 1958. He returned again for the New Year's Day concert in 1960 and 1963. So apparently neither Haggard nor Cash was at San Quentin on January 1, 1958. As for Merle sitting through multiple shows in 1959 and 1960 as Johnny indicates ...? Cash did get one thing correct. In his introduction to the live at San Quentin album, recorded February 24th, 1969, he tells the inmates, "I think I've been here three times before."

Christopher S. Wren's Winners Got Scars Too: The Life And Legends Of Johnny Cash (Dial Press, 1971) suggests that Cash's first free concert at San Quentin was New Year's Day 1960. Peter Lewry's I've Been Everywhere: A Johnny Cash Chronicle (Helter Skelter, 2001) concurs: "[January 1, 1960] Cash plays his first free concert for the inmates of the notorious San Quentin Prison in California." And Lewry adds, "Future country music star Merle Haggard is in the audience."

Surely someone has gotten it right? To date, your humble reporter has only run across one secondary source (possibly two; see below)—Steve Turner's The Man Called Cash: The Life, Love And Faith Of An American Legend (W Publishing Group, 2004): "As with Folsom, Cash was comfortable with [San Quentin] as a venue because he's played there before, back on New Year's Day in 1959, when future country star Merle Haggard was one of the prisoners."

I thought Mr. Haggard had finally caught on when he talked to Jason Fine, a reporter for Rolling Stone, in 2009 (see 'The Fighter: The Life And Times Of Merle Haggard,' Rolling Stone, October 1, 2009). Fine supplies the date "1959," and Hag doesn't disagree. The reporter writes, "In 1959, he got a glimpse of what that new area might be when Johnny Cash came to perform at San Quentin on New Year's Day. 'I didn't care for his music before that - I thought it was corny,' Haggard says. 'He couldn't sing a lick that day, but he had the crowd right in the palm of his hand. I became a Johnny Cash fan that day." But witness the PBS documentary, 1958 has crept back into the story.

So... have you had enough, dear reader? I agree. Time to stop. JOE SPECHT



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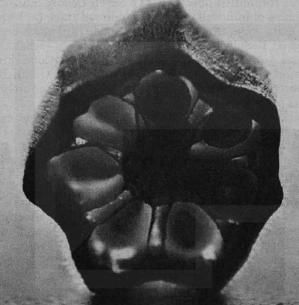
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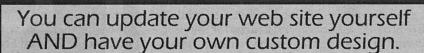
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EVA CASSIDY

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Tonest John's Fauxcabulary; How To Decode Music Reviews defines 'interpretation' as 'cover' and 'eclectic' as 'unfocussed,' which, as general rules, are pretty reliable, but, like any rules, there are always exceptions, and one person who shatters both of these at once is Eva Cassidy, a stunning interpreter of standards from an amazingly eclectic range of genres. As far as I know, she never wrote a song in her all-too short life (1963-1996) and could never land a record deal during her lifetime because her demos covered so much musical ground that labels couldn't figure out how to market her. It wasn't just that Cassidy had a wonderful voice, though she did, as that her technical skills were coupled with a quite uncanny ability to go straight to the emotional heart of whatever material she chose to sing. As the title implies, this is Cassidy solo, either performing live, four tracks at a now defunct Anapolis supper club (Sandy Denny's Who Knows Where The Time Goes, Paul Simon's Kathy's Song, Jesse Fuller's San Francisco Bay Blues and the trad Wade In The Water), two at Washington, DC, jazz club Blues Alley (Judy Garland's Over The Rainbow and Cyndi Lauper's Time After Time) or 'live,' cutting demos in Chris Biondo's studio (Christine McVie's Songbird, Wayfaring Stranger, Curtis Mayfield's People Get Ready, Cyndi Lauper's True Colors and Johnny Mercer's Autumn Leaves plus an a capella version of Diane Scanlon & Eve Nelson's I Know You By Heart). All these songs have appeared on other albums, but, apart from showcasing Cassidy's abilities as an acoustic guitarist and her intuitive feel for rhythm, these stripped down, intimate versions are even more compelling than the 'finished' studio recordings—as the label says, "It's like hearing Eva Cassidy for the first time, again."

BIANCA DELEON Love, Guns & Money

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er fourth album features a photo of her standing in front of a Dutch club's chalkboard that reads 'de Texaanse Troubadour Bianca DeLeon.' If her name isn't high on your list of Texas singer-songwriters, or doesn't even appear on it, this is most likely because, until a recent life-altering health scare softened her stance, she long disdained playing for Austin's pitiful rates and went where people valued her art, which means she's much better known in Europe than in Texas. Like David Rodriguez, DeLeon is rooted in and lives in two different worlds, the Texas-Mexico borderlands in which she was born and raised, and which, in my experience, few Anglos seem to be able to write about convincingly, and the national and international singer-songwriter venue circuit, so, again like Rodriguez, she's a bit different from your average troubadour. How many of them could write I Sang Patsy Cline ("the night Noriega fell')? As always, DeLeon travels first class, with backing by guitar great John Inmon, Radoslav Lorkovic on piano, B3 and accordion, The East Side Flash resophonic guitar, David Carroll bass and Paul Pearcy drums, on a set that includes a song in Spanish, Buscando Por Ti, a honky tonker, The Bottle's On The Table striking observations on love and loss, Independence Day, This Time and Silence Speaks Louder Than Words and ends with a medley of Townes Van Zandt's Nothin and Hank Williams' Ramblin' Man.

JIM PATTON & SHERRY BROKUS

RAY OF HOPE

(Berkalin * * * * * *)

aving finally abandoned the Edge City name they brought with them from Baltimore, the husband and wife team, who have been performing together for 25 years, their first meeting and courtship celebrated on (Ballad Of The) Oxbow Inn, have symbolically shed the last vestige of their youthful dreams. Learning to play the hand life dealt you can be hard, and Patton & Brokus have known people who folded, but as Patton proclaims on his anthemic opener, I Never Give Up. Maybe it's easier in a town where you can tell someone you're a songwriter and chances are pretty good they'll say 'Me too,' and in fact, while persevering at their own music, Patton & Brokus have carved out a niche for themselves showcasing their songwriter friends. And maybe it's easier when you can make records with people like Ron Flynt, who produced, recorded and mixed the album, also playing bass, keyboards and acoustic guitar, Rich Brotherton (acoustic guitar, mandolin and cittern), Scrappy Jud Newcomb (acoustic guitar and resonator) and Warren Hood (fiddle). In his eleven acoustic folk rock songs, Patton's theme is characters trying, often failing, to draw the card that will make everything all right, but, per the album title, there's always a ray of hope, and, as the Jon Dee Graham quote on the jacket says, "false hope is still hope." Though song titles like End Of A Dream, She's So Disappointed, Finally Let You Go, Wrong End Of Love, Permanently Blue and Hole In His Heart may sound like Patton is a bit of a pessimist, he reveals his ace in the hole with the closing I Turn To You, on which Brokus affirms that at the end of the day, they'll always have each other.

SEVEN DEADLY SINS

(WITH A SIDE ORDER OF FORBIDDEN WORDS)

ome months ago, I excluded a singer-songwriter from serious consideration because he had committed one of 3CM's Seven Deadly Sins-the artwork included a picture of him walking down a railroad track (at least he wasn't carrying a guitar or guitar case, which would have made it so much deadlier). As I should have anticipated, the obvious question I got asked was-what are the other six? Ah, well, offhand, you got me there, hadn't thought that one through. So, I started to work on it and, as is my policy in such matters, consulted with the Freeform American Roots reporters, who tend to have very marked opinions on everything to do with music and its packaging.

However, it quickly emerged that there are two very different categories of Deadly Sins, those against all of us and those specifically against DJs. Let's start with the latter, because, while all the FARsters who responded had their own pet peeves (tortured animals, bare feet, Harley Davidsons, "your fucking cat," etc, etc), there

were a few things that infuriated just about all of them.

Romping in at #1, at least among the American DJs, was No FCC Warning or Advisory. Tightly bunched were No Track Numbering, No Track Lengths, Tiny Fonts, Unreadable Fonts and Shitty Color Contrasts. It is, of course, perfectly possible to commit all five of these sins-and #1-simultaneously. Last up, and, to be honest, something that really chaps my hide more than somewhat, is No Website, aggravated

by having a fucking useless MySpace page instead.

Turning to more general Deadly Sins, the problem is to separate the merely venal bêtes noir from the actual cardinal transgressions—cardinal meaning things that, on sight alone, would exclude an album from ever making it to the turntable. It doesn't get much deadlier than that for people who send out promos to radio or any other media. While I was given dozens of specific, stomach turning examples, I have to thank Carolyn Delzoppo (The Cowboy's Sweetheart, BayFM, Byron Bay, NSW, Australia) for helping to codify them by coming up with some very useful umbrella categories under which most all of them could be filed:

THE SIN OF CLICHE: This was easily the most popular Sin, or at any rate the one that drew the most wrath. Apart from leaning on rustic fences etc, it would include, among countless other examples, the above mentioned walking down a railroad track and "a female singer/songwriter wearing a cotton print dress and clutching an acoustic guitar" (Jim Beal Jr, Third Coast Music Network, KSYM, San Antonio. TX), to which I'd add "while standing in a field of flowers." Dave Stratton (Cutting Edge Countdown, WOBR, Williamsport/State College, PA) contributed, "arty shots of one's guitar/banjo/mandolin against a wall (bonus points: a sunbeam shining on the glittering instrument...)." I could go on at length, but you probably get the idea.

THE SIN OF DORK: Includes a wide range of sub-sins, including head and shoulders shots of the smiling artist, ugly shirts, wind blown locks, etc. Dork can be manifested in many ways, for instance, "Having your children sing along on a track. Cute for the family, excruciating for everyone else" (Carolyn Delzoppo).

THE SIN OF THE IMPROBABLE: Includes sins such as pics of the band 'playing'

their instruments in unlikely places, like the middle of an open field.

The ones I came up with myself were:

THE SIN OF TOO MUCH SKIN: While there are some unreconstructed male DJs who would have no problem with the cuter female artists stripping to their scanties, most FARsters, male and female, detest hypersexualized artwork. "Rhonda Vincent is a great player but her album covers often look like shots for Glamour" (Bill Wagman, Saturday Morning Folk Show, KDVS, Davis, CA).

THE SIN OF MACHO: Wearing a wifebeater would mean automatic consignment to most all FAR trashcans, but any combination of cowboy hats and/or dark glasses

and/or tank tops and/or tattoos would have much the same effect.

THE SIN OF BIBLE THUMPING: AKA The Sin of Too Much Information or The Sin of Spreading the Blame. We don't know where your talent, or lack thereof, comes from, more to the point, we don't want to know. Thanking God or Jesus just makes us think 'uh-oh, Christian Music.'

THE SIN OF PROMISCUOUS GRATITUDE (with help from reader Simon Dix): While many self-released CDs owe their very existence, for better or worse, to the generosity of an artist's fanbase, the downside is that, apparently, all the donors have to be thanked individually, which may be very gratifying for them but means the rest of us are treated to seemingly endless lists, usually in tiny print, of utterly meaningless names. OK, we'll give you the strings, picks and other gear, they may be contractual obligations,

Once again, it is easily possible to commit more than one of these Sins at a time, for instance, I have right here on my desk a combo Sin of Dork and Sin Of Too Much

Skin—put those clothes back on, please!
SEVEN FORBIDDEN WORDS: Riffing on George Carlin's Seven Words, we also kicked around words that should never be used in songs, especially song titles.

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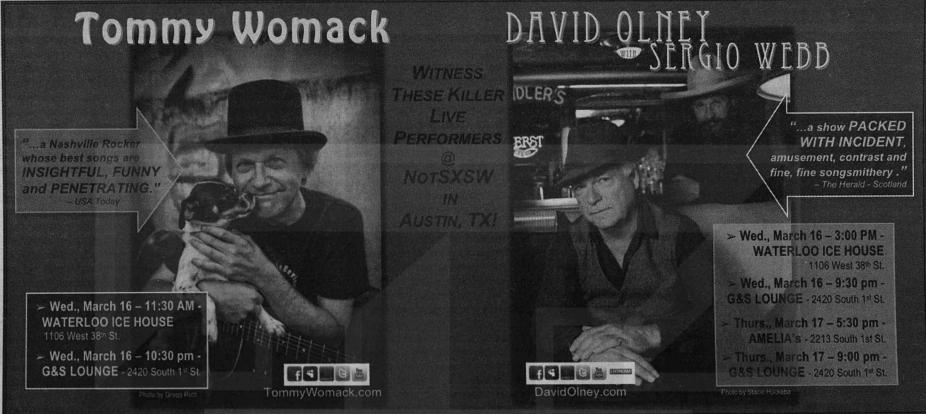
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DAYNA KURTZ • American Standard

ary Chapin Carpenter famously sang *You Don't Know Me (I'm The Opening Act)*, but while I recall absolutely nothing about the headliner one night at Chances, a long gone bar on Red River, the opening act is a vivid memory, my first exposure to a singer-songwriter who, if push came to shove, I would say have to say is the single most compelling solo artist I've ever heard. That was, of course, Dayna Kurtz, whose Postcards From Amsterdam; Live In Concert (at the Paradiso), is, apart from Johnny Cash Live At San Quentin, the only music DVD I've played multiple times. My only problem with an album, anything but 'standard,' that showcases her folk, blues, torch, jazz, R&B and rock & roll range, is that I'm happier with the minimalist tracks, including Paul Westerburg's Replacements standard Here Comes A Regular and the acappella You Fine Girl than even the quartet numbers. including, Slim Willet's Lou Lou Knows (memorably recorded by Fonda Wallace in 1957) and Elliott Smith's Don't Go Down, or the six piece Are You Dancing With Her Tonight? and Sonny Burgess' Hanging Around My Boy, both of which feature Burgess & The Legendary Pacers, let alone Election Day, recorded with a brass band, The New Orleans Nightcrawlers. In other words, I prefer as little as possible to come between me and Kurtz's sensational voice, riveting guitar work and exceptional songwriting. That said, Kurtz is competing with herself here, because she blows the doors off-well, I was going to say similar artists, but there's really nobody like her. You could fill a good-sized room with writers who've raved about her four previous albums, all of which, incidentally, are strongly recommended, especially Postcards From Downtown, most of them singing variations on James Reed's comment in The Boston Globe, "There's no logical reason why singer-songwriter Dayna Kurtz is not a full-blown star" (I'm quoting him to show it's not just me), but it's Europe, where this album was released by Munich, that gets it.

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I inda embarrassed that I didn't make the connection myself, but I actually learned something from a one-sheet—that Muth got her band's name from Townes Van Zandt's No Lonesome Tune ("Your lost high roller's rollin' home today"). However, for some reason the one-sheet seems confused about her musical identity, labeling her as 'Americana' when the sub-text clearly, and correctly, says she's country, though not, of course, in any sense that would put her in the same bracket as, say, Taylor Swift. Seattle-based Muth made a big impression, both as a singer and songwriter, with her eponymous self-released debut, enough to land her a deal, and the follow-up is in much the same vein, understated vocals, which will, inevitably, invite comparison with Iris DeMent, unpretentious but striking lyrics and a crackerjack band featuring Dave Harmonson on electric guitar, pedal steel and Dobro, joined on this album by a trumpet player for the opening *I've Been Gone* and The Starlings on backing vocals. While all ten tracks cement Muth's reputation, the centerpiece is If I Can't Trust You With A Quarter (How Can I Trust You With My Heart?), about meeting a guy who borrows change to play a song she detests—"When I heard that jukebox start, I knew Cupid's dart had missed its mark... Before we begun we were already through." Think we've all been there. Overall, the album's a tad monolithic tempowise, leaning heavily towards slow, sad songs, and it continues what one hopes won't be a career theme of crappy cover artwork, but these are minor issues in relation to the strengths Muth brings to the table.

AMY SPEACE • Land Like A Bird

(Thirty Tigers ** ** **)

She's currently living in Nashville, but who knows where Amy Speace will be by the time her next album comes out? Transitions, loss and farewells seem to be a major source of inspiration, indeed the title of her fourth album would seem to imply that she's only pausing between one flight and another. Her first album, Fable (Twangirl, 2002) came out of a segue from her career as a Broadway actress, her third, The Killer In Me (Wildflower, 2009), which she straightforwardly acknowledged as "my breakup album," incidentally a classic of its kind, was written in a rented cabin in the Catskills, whence she'd retreated following her separation. The songs on this one were begun while in the process of giving up her New Jersey apartment, overlooking the Statue of Liberty and lower Manhattan, moving to a new label (which I know will do a better job of promoting her than Wildflower, if only because it couldn't possibly do any worse) and heading South. In Nashville, she reunited with singer-songwriter/musician/producer Neilson Hubbard, who helped her finish five of the ten originals (another was cowritten with Jonathan Byrd and there are covers of Ron Sexsmith's Galbraith Street and Chuck E Costa's Battened Hatches) and put together a session unit featuring Eamon McLoughlin (strings) and Kim Richey (vocals). Having been bowled over by Speace playing just with Radoslav Lorkovic on accordion at Amelia's last year, I find the production occasionally a little too busy, but Speace's songs are exceptional, especially Ghosts, and her delivery is little short of enchanting. Amy Speace puts the good in goodbye.

GURF MORLIX BLAZE FOLEY'S 113TH WET DREAM

(Rootball * * * * * *)

Before he was shot to death 22 years ago, Michael Fuller, aka Blaze Foley, had written 65 songs. Some of them, which remerged last year on CD releases of long lost and long forgotten tape recordings, he never performed or officially recorded during his heyday in Houston and Austin clubs, for good reason if you ask me, but even if there was some dross. Morlix had the unenviable task of choosing just 15 of them. Inevitably, those familiar with Foley's canon will wonder why personal favorites such as, in my case, Faded Loves And Memories, didn't make the cut, but then we don't have Morlix's history with Foley and his songs. Uniquely qualified to pay tribute to the legendary songwriter, with whom for better or worse-Morlix seems to have a penchant for working with difficult personalities—he played and hung out from 1976 until his death, we can only respect his choices, which include such Must Haves as Clay Pigeons, If I Could Only Fly. Picture Cards, I Should Have Been Home With You and Cold Cold World, along with some perhaps less well known numbers (a relative concept in the Foley context). I'm very dubious about 'gateway' covers which supposedly point people towards the original artists, but this, made as a companion to Kevin Triplett's documentary Blaze Foley: Duct Tape Messiah, which Morlix will be accompanying on tour as a proxy for Foley's silenced voice, could well be the exception, actually turning people who know of Morlix on to Foley.

GRANT PEEPLES OKRA AND ECCLESIASTES

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of many people would try to sing, let alone rhyme, 'Ecclesiastes,' but it's an illustration of how far out there Peeples is compared to run of the mill songwriters. In his A Time to Tear Down And A Time to Build Up; A Rereading Of Ecclesiastes, Rabbi Michael V Fox remarks, "The boldest, most radical notion in the book is... the belief that the individual can and should proceed toward truth by means of his own powers of perception and reasoning; and that he can in this way discover truths previously unknown... He does not look to revelation or tradition for guidance." This is an excellent summary of Peeples' approach, and I imagine explains why Gurf Morlix, notoriously selective about his projects, chose to produce his fourth album. Living in the Florida Panhandle, Peeples' writes, without nostalgia, sentiment or empathy, about the Southeastern underbelly, "white bread and kerosene, catfish and flatbeds, sweat stains and retreads, okra and Ecclesiastes" (My People Come From The Dirt), "Well it's Flannery O'Connor, minus humor and redemption... It's kinda Kafkaesque, but with that crystal meth" (Down Here In The County), "High fructose corn syrup, reality TeeVee, Taylor Swift and Burger King, Jesus and cheap gasoline" (High Fructose Corn Syrup, now there's a song title you don't see every day). The woman with a cart full of kids and Wal-Mart crap bought with money she doesn't have (Down Here In the County) gets no pity from Peeples. Don't think I've ever described a songwriter as being ruthless, but it's the best word for Peeples' bleak observations of what Morlix calls 'the New American Landscape" as seen at grassroots level.

HAYES CARLL · KMAG YOYO (And Other American Stories)

(Lost Highway \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$)

un factoid: Carll's manager tells me that during the making of **Country Strong**, there were photos of him pinned up in Garrett Hedlund's dressing room as guidance for the makeup and wardrobe artists. Throwing you in the deep end, this opens with Stomp And Holler, which is as rocking and raucous as the title suggests, and personally I'd have picked Chances Are or The Letter, which firmly place Carll as a force to be reckoned with in the Texas singer-songwriter tradition, but then he's also a honky tonker and country-rocker (though any references you see elsewhere to 'Red Dirt or 'Texas Music' are bogus). The core of the album is, of course, the title track, a military acronym for "Kiss My Ass Guys, You're On Your Own,' about a teenage soldier in Afghanistan who ends up involuntarily testing drugs for a covert unit, set to the tune of Dylan's Subterranean Homesick Blues, but Bottle In My Hand, which, for no obvious reason, features guest vocals by Todd Snider and Corb Lund, more accurately captures the mood of an album in which 'stoned,' 'drunk,' barrooom, 'another round' and 'make a toast' are a recurring theme. However, the sequencing is perfect when it comes to the closing meditation, Hide Me, which not only resolves the references to hard living, "I can't do these things no more, not the way I done before," but suggests that Carll, who, at 34, is about half the age of the Great Generation of Texas singer-songwriters (Townes Van Zandt would have turned 67 this month), will breathe new life into a fading sub-genre. If The Woodlands, a master planned community outside Houston, seems an unlikely source for such an acerbic and iconoclastic songwriter, Van Zandt's oil baron family was so rich and powerful that it had a county named after it. Maybe there's a moral in this somewhere, but at least his fourth album should finally put an end to the Americana Music Association's fixation on Carll. who put out his first album in 2002, as 'New & Emerging.'

GOD SAVE THE QUEENS

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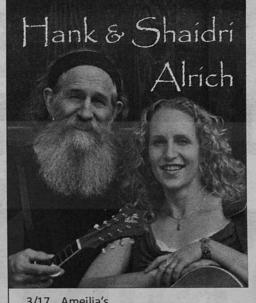
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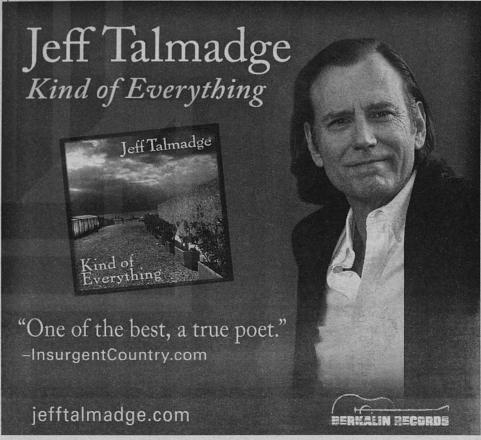
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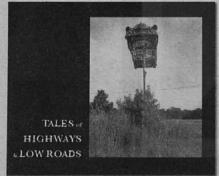


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(Seattle, WA)

1pm Eilen Jewell (Boston, MA)

2pm Mary Battiata (Arlington, VA)

3pm Li'l Mo & The Monicats (New York, NY)

4pm Teri Joyce & The Tagalongs (Austin, TX)

5pm New Mystery Girl (Austin, TX)

6pm Payna Kurtz (Brooklyn, NY)

7pm Rebekah Pulley & The Reluctant Prophets
(St Petersburg, FL)

8pm Erin Harpe & The Pelta Swingers
(Jamaica Plain, MA)

9pm Yvette Landry (Breaux Bridge, LA)

INSIPE 12.30 Leeann Atherton (Austin, TX)

1.30 Bianca Peleon (Austin, TX)

2.30 Janine Wilson (Washington, PC)
3.30 Kim Beggs
(Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada)
4.30 Linda McRae (Kingston Springs, TN)
5.30 Miss Tess & Bon Ton Parade (Brooklyn, NY)
6.30 BettySoo (Austin, TX)
7.30 Sally Spring (Kernersville, NC)
8.30 Baskery (Stockholm, Sweden)
9.30 Amanda Pearcy (Austin, TX)
10.30 Susan Cowsill (New Orleans, LA)
11.30 Barbara K (Austin, TX)
12.30 Jack Grace (New York, NY)

SATURDAY 19th OUTSIDE

noon Ronny Elliott (Tampa, FL)
1pm Yvette Landry & Special Guest
(Breaux Bridge, LA)
2pm John Lilly & Special Guest (Charleston, WV)

3pm Hank & Shaidri Alrich
(Greenville, CA/Austin, TX)
4pm The Fabulous Ginn Sisters (Schulenburg, TX)
5pm Pave Insley & The Careless Smokers
(Austin, TX)
6pm Stone River Boys (Austin, TX)
7pm Ethyl & The Regulars (Penver, CO)
8pm Lil Mo & The Monicats (New York, NY)
9pm Teri Joyce & The Tagalongs (Austin, TX)

INSIDE

12.30 BettySoo (Austin, TX)
1.30 Nathan Moore (Swoope, VA)
2.30 Freedy Johnston (New York, NY)
3.30 Baskery (Stockholm, Sweden)
4.30 Freebo (Los Angeles, CA)
5.30 Leeann Atherton Band (Austin, TX)
6.30 Jim Stringer & The AM Band (Austin, TX)
7.30 Miss Leslie & Her Juke Jointers (Houston, TX)
8.30 Mike Stinson (Houston, TX)
9.30 Heather Myles (Riverside, CA)
10.30 Libbi Bosworth (Austin, TX)
11.30 Hello Strangers (Mercersburg, PA)
12.30 Tokyo Rosenthal (Chapel Hill, NC)

SUNDAY 20th OUTSIDE

noon SteadyBoy Acoustic 'In The Round'
Ipm Tom Mason (Nashville, TN)
2pm Eve & The Exiles (Austin, TX)
3pm Chase Hamblin (Houston, TX)
4pm Al Staehely & 1 Ok Hrs (Houston, TX)
5pm Mitch Jacobs Band (Houston, TX)
6pm Phil Lee (Nashville, TN)
7pm Freddie Steady 5 (Austin, TX)
8pm Larry Lange & His Lonely Knights
(Austin, TX)
9pm Rick Broussard's Two Hoots & A Holler
(San Antonio, TX)

INSIDE

12.30 Erin Harpe (Jamaica Plain, MA)
1.30 Border Blasters (Fort Pavis, TX)
2.30 Tokyo Rosenthal (Chapel Hill, NC)
3.30 Roy Heinrich & the Pickups (Austin, TX)
4.30 Arty Hill & The Pearl Pusters
(Baltimore, MP)
5.30 Teri Joyce & The Tagalongs (Austin, TX)
6.30 Ethyl & The Regulars (Penver, CO)
7.30 Zoe Muth & The Lost High Rollers
(Seattle, WA)
8.30 Sisters Morales (San Antonio, TX)
9.30 Mitch Webb & The Swindles
(San Antonio, TX)
10.30 Hobart Brothers featuring Lil' Sis Hobar

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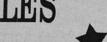
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12:00PM - In The Round

Matt the Electrician (Austin, TX), Amilia K. Spicer (LA, CA), David Berkeley (SF, CA)

12:45PM - In The Round

Valerie June (Memphis, TN), Ray Bonneville (Austin, TX), John Fullbright (Oklahoma City, OK)

1:30PM - Stonehoney (Austin, TX)

2:15PM - Garrett Lebeau w/Jamie Oldaker & Mark Epstein (Austin, TX)

3:00PM - Elliott, Rose & da Costa (LA, CA, Austin, TX/NYC)

4:00PM - Hoots & Hellmouth (Philadelphia, PA)

5:00PM - March Fourth Marching Band (Portland, OR)

6:00PM - Baskery (Stockholm, Sweden)

MMM March for Peace

The Million Musicians March for Peace will take place this day in downtown Austin. The rally for peace began on the south steps of the Texas Capitol and then the procession makes it's way down Congress Avenue with local and out-of-town musicians ending at Threadgill's World Headquarters between 3:50-4:00pm. They will march right through the load-in gate while still playing "Down By The Riverside" filling into whatever space is available, finishing out the song with everyone playing along...

Pre-Registration for Pick for the Record

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Giddy Ups

Cody Gingerman 11.30 Massy Ferguson G&S/i midnight 2-Bit Palomino Giddy Ups 12.30 Eric Hisaw G&S/i

THURSDAY 17TH

9am Arty Hill KOOP 10pm Ruby Dee & The Snakehandlers **KOOP**

11.30 Chip Taylor's 'Rock & Roll Joe' w/John Platania & Kendel Carson

G&S/o

Matt Harlan Amelia's noon Capitol City Highlanders Dog & Duck 12.30 Erin Harpe Amelia's Amy Speace G&S/i

12.45 Jeana & The Band Of Brothers Dog & Duck

1pm Barbara K G&S/o L&B Duo Freddy's 1.15 Black Irish Dog & Duck 1.30 Border Blasters Amelia's

Grant Peeples G&S/i 2pm Will T Massey G&S/o

David Halley G&S/i

2.15 Sean Orr & Black Dagger Dog & Duck 2.30 Ronny Elliott Amelia's

Matt Harlan G&S/i 3pm Lisa Morales G&S/o

Mary Battiata G&S/i 3.15 Ed Miller & Rich Brotherton

Dog & Duck

3.30 Hank & Shaidri Alrich Amelia's BettySoo G&S/i

4pm Les Sampou G&S/o

Jim Patton & Sherry Brokus G&S/i

John Lilly Giddy Ups Woot Talley Freddie's

4.30 John Fullbright Amelia's Ron Flynt G&S/i

Capitol City Highlanders Dog & Duck

5pm Ray Bonneville G&S/o Walt Wilkins G&S/i

> Mark Henricks Giddy Ups Pete & The Pirates Dog & Duck

5.30 David Olney & Sergio Webb

Amelia's

Will T Massey G&S/i 6pm Sally Spring G&S/o John Fulbright G&S/i Jim Ray Wyly Giddy Ups Pinata Protest Dog & Duck

6.20 Melissa Greener ArtZ 6.30 John Lilly G&S/i

7pm Gurf Morlix G&S/o

Brian Kalinec G&S/i Twilight Trio Evangeline

Ted Roddy & The Hit Kickers

Giddy Ups Rosie & The Ramblers Freddie's

Lori Doswell ArtZ

Bremen Riot Dog & Duck 7.30 **Jeff Talmadge** G&S/i

7.40 Amy Speace ArtZ

8pm Grant Peeples G&S/o Melissa Greener G&S/i

Jim Stringer & The AM Band

Giddy Ups

ArtZ

Minus 5 Dog & Duck 8.20 Danny Britt & Marvin Dykhuis

8.30 Craig Marshall G&S/i

9pm David Olney & Sergio Webb G&S/o Michael Fracasso G&S/i

Lil Mo & The Monicats Giddy Ups **Angie Boxall ArtZ**

9.15 Ian McLagan & The Bump Band

9.40 Baskery ArtZ 10pm BettySoo G&S/i

Arty Hill & The Pearl Dusters

Giddy Ups

Chickasaw Mudd Puppies Evangeline 11pm Massy Ferguson G&S/i **Teri Joyce & The Tagalongs**

Giddy Ups

midnight Ruby Dee & The Snakehandlers G&S/i

Roger Wallace Giddy Ups

FRIDAY 18TH

9.30 Dave Gonzalez & Mike Barfield KOOP

10pm Teri Joyce & L'il Mo KOOP 10.30 John Lilly KOOP 11.30 Amanda Pearcy Amelia's noon Zoe Muth & The Lost High Rollers G&S/o

Kim Monroe Opal Divine's PF Sally Spring Giddy Ups

Eric Hisaw Opal Divine's FH Fledglings Dog & Duck

12.15 Daylight Titans Dog & Duck 12.30 Leeann Atherton G&S/i

Brennen Leigh Amelia's 12.40 Janine Wilson Opal Divine's PF

1pm Eilen Jewell G&S/o Kim Beggs Giddy Ups

Rice Moorehead Band Opal Divine's FH

Ephniko Freddie's Emily Long Dog & Duck 1.20 Robin Wiley Opal Divine's PF 1.30 Amilia K Spicer Amelia's

Bianca DeLeon G&S/i 1.40 Sally Crewe & The Sudden Moves Dog & Duck

2pm Mary Battiata G&S/o Cory Branan Once Over

Bonny Holmes Opal Divine's PF

Cass Brostad Giddy Ups

Horse Opera Opal Divine's FH

Danny Britt NeWorlDeli

2.15 Ethan Azarian Dog & Duck

2.20 Dayna Kurtz Once Over 2.30 Chrissy Flatt Amelia's

Janine Wilson G&S/i

Mark Viator & Susan Maxey

NeWorlDeli

2.40 Steve Plotz Once Over

2.45 Linda McRae Opal Divine's PF

3pm Li'l Mo & The Monicats G&S/o Melissa Greener Giddy Ups

Both Feet Opal Divine's FH Shaw Brothers Once Over

Fabulous Ginn Sisters NeWorlDeli

Doug Gillard Dog & Duck

Dog & Duck 3.20 Matt The Electrician Once Over

3.30 Les Sampou Amelia's Kim Beggs G&S/i

Mandy Marie Luke & Brigitte London Opal Divine's PF

Jim Patton & Sherry Brokus

NeWorlDeli

3.40 Carrie Elkin, Danny Schmidt

& Sam Baker Once Over 4pm Teri Joyce & The Tagalongs G&S/o Bianca DeLeon Giddy Ups

Chris Gates & Gatesville

Opal Divine's FH

Chris Tondre Freddie's Flyin' A's NeWorlDeli Hickoids Dog & Duck

4.20 Robert Steel Once Over

4.30 Nancy K Dillon Amelia's Linda McRae G&S/i BettySoo NeWorlDeli

4.40 Storyhill Once Over

4.45 Mastersons & Temple Ray

Opal Divine's PF

Moonlight Towers Dog & Duck 5pm New Mystery Girl G&S/o

Janine Wilson Giddy Ups Datri Bean Once Over

Rex Foster NeWorlDeli Black Whales Opal Divine's FH

5.20 Vanessa Lively Once Over

5.30 Amy Speace Amelia's



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9am Joanna Ramirez KOOP 10pm Eric Hisaw KOOP 6pm Nicole LeAnn Threadgills WHQ Brennen Leigh Evangeline 6.15 Tracie Lynn Threadgills WHQ 6.20 Tom Prasada Rao & Cary Cooper

6.30 Christy & Jimmy Joe

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6.45 Rick Busby Threadgills WHQ 7pm Michael McGarrah ArtZ 7.10 Teresa Neal Threadgills WHQ 7.15 Kevin Gallaugher Evangeline 7.30 Al Staehely Threadgills WHQ 7.40 MJ Bishop ArtZ **8pm Sonny Throckmorton**

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Lil Mo & The Monicats WIH 8.20 Studebakers ArtZ 8.30 Erin Harpe Evangeline Will Sexton Threadgills WHQ 8.50 Lee Duffy, Marvin Dykhuis, Joe Manuel Threadgills WHQ 9pm Teri Joyce & The Tagalongs WIH

Granville Automatic ArtZ 9.15 David Halley Threadgills WHQ 9.40 Little e & Da' Catfish ArtZ

WEDNESDAY 16TH

11am Bill Kirchen KOOP Andy Friedman Dogwood 11.30 Grant Peeples Amelia's Jeff Talmadge Opal Divine's FH 30 Wagons Dogwood noon Erin Harpe G&S/o

Tommy Womack WIH Ray Bonneville Opal Divine's FH Leslie Stevens Dogwood

12.15 Hoots & Hellmouth Yard Dog

12.30 Amilia k Spicer Amelia's Linda McRae G&S/i

Brandon Jenkins Opal Divine's FH Willie Nile Dogwood

12.45 Ronny Elliott Yard Dog

1pm Jon Byrd G&S/o Eve & The Exiles Gingerman

Darryl Lee Rush Opal Divine's FH

Kevin Welch Dogwood Duquaines Freddie's 1.30 BettySoo Amelia's

Melissa Greener G&S/i Jiminy Crisket Guero's Small Ponds Dogwood

1.45 Rebekah Pulley & The Reluctant **Prophets** Yard Dog

Ramsey Midwood Opal Divine's FH 2pm Amanda Shires G&S/o Elizabeth McQueen Guero's Thunderchiefs Gingerman **Hobart Brothers & Lil Sis Hobart**

Dogwood

2.05 Human Condition Yard Dog 2.30 Troy Campbell G&S/i Jim Patton & Sherry Brokus

Amelia's

Randy Weeks Opal Divine's FH Steve Poltz Dogwood 2.50 Michael Fracasso Guero's 3pm Rod Picott G&S/o Al Staehely & 10k Hrs Gingerman Jon Dee Graham Dogwood David Olney & Sergio Webb WIH

3.15 Poetry 'n Lotion Yard Dog Oh No Oh My Opal Divine's FH 3.30 Arty Hill Amelia's Nancy K Dillon G&S/i Maxim Ludwig & The Santa Fe 7

Dogwood

3.40 Matt The Electrician Guero's 3.55 Have Gun, Will Travel Yard Dog 4pm Terri Hendrix G&S/o **Ugly Beats** Gingerman Danny Fast Fingers Giddy Ups Delta Saints Opal Divine's FH Anna Mae Mitchell Freddie's Syd Straw Dogwood **Small Ponds WIH**

4.30 Michael Fracasso G&S/i Tom Mason Amelia's Moonlight Towers Guero's Ian Moore Dogwood

4.35 Sleepy Vikings Yard Dog 4.45 Somebody's Darling

5pm Jimmy LaFave G&S/o

Freddie Steady 5 Gingerman Love Vandals Giddy Ups Slaid Cleaves Dogwood 5.15 Beauvilles Yard Dog 5.20 Eric Hisaw Guero's 5.30 Dayna Kurtz G&S/i Phil Lee Amelia's Walt Wilkins Opal Divine's FH Shurman Dogwood

5.55 Exene Cervenka Yard Dog 6pm Kevin Welch G&S/o Jessica Shepherd Giddy Ups Hot Club Of Cowtown Dogwood **Tim Easton WIH**

6.10 Monahans Guero's 6.15 Toy Hearts Gingerman 6.20 Susan Herndon ArtZ

6.30-9pm 3CM/G&S/Amelia's/KOOP/ Music Road Records/Third Coast Songwriters Showcase/Cow Island Records/SteadyBoy Records Meet & Greet Super Open Mike: Arty Hill, Freddie Krc, Mary Battiata, Grant Peeples, Hank & Shaidri Alrich, Lisa Morales, Rebekah Pulley, Sally Spring, Will T Massey. Bianca DeLeon, Ray Bonneville & more G&S/i

Mike & The Moonpies

Opal Divine's FH

Silos Dogwood 7pm Stonehoney/G&S/o

Miss Leslie & Her Juke Jointers

Barbara K Threadgill's Old #1 Floyd Domino & Redd Volkaert Evangeline

Tori Sparks ArtZ

Carlton Pride & Mighty Zion

Freddie's

Boxcar Preachers Gingerman A.J Roach Guero's Carper Family WIH Emory Quinn Dogwood 7.30 Michael Des Barres Dogwood

7.40 Eric Hanke ArtZ 7.50 Elliott, Rose & da Costa Guero's

8pm Sam Baker G&S/o

Mike Stinson Giddy Ups Combo Mahalo Gingerman Will T Massey Threadgill's Old #1 Randy Weeks WIH

8.15 Chip Robinson Dogwood Opal Divine's FH 8.20 3 Penny Acre ArtZ

opm Slaid Cleaves G&S/o **Kevin Triplett: The Making of Blaze** Foley: Duct Tape Messiah G&S/i

Fond Kiser Giddy Ups **Bob Cheevers ArtZ** Latebirds Gingerman Thunderosa Dogwood

9.30 David Olney & Sergio Webb G&S/i 9.40 Sisters Morales ArtZ

10pm AJ Downing & Buick 6 Giddy Ups

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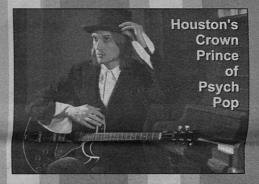
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10PM - Al Staehely & 10K Hrs.



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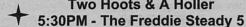
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12PM - SteadyBoy Artists "In The Round" 3PM - Chase Hamblin 4PM - Al Staehely & 10K Hrs. 5PM - Mitch Jacobs Band • 6PM - Phil Lee 7PM - The Freddie Steady 5

8PM - Larry Lange & His Lonely Knights 9PM - Rick Broussard's Two Hoots & A Holler



LIFE ON THE ROAD: THE BEST & THE WORST

riving round Nashville with Wes McGee one time, the heavens opened, rain so torrential it didn't just run pedestrians off the street, all the drivers pulled over to wait it out, including us. We were parked at the top of Demonbreun, and the only sign of life was a guy in Western gear standing under a pillbox thingy outside one of the tourist traps, playing a guitar and singing to a completely deserted street. We studied this pitiful sight and one of us said to the other (I thought it was Wes, but he remembers it being me), "So, what was the worst gig you ever played?"

Every March, I try to think up something that will involve the artists performing at 3CM Presents, or at any rate the more cooperative and articulate of them, and that question came to mind. However, so as not to make this a depressing chronicle of humiliation, bad memories, empty rooms, no pay, hot checks, etc, I paired it with the rather more upbeat 'What was the best gig you ever played?' I got a great response. so much so that this will have to be a series. Let's start with...

BETTYSOO

One of the best gigs was opening for Joan Baez at Big Top Chautauqua. It started rocky-my flight got in late, I was pulled over for speeding, and broke a nail I use to fingerpick throwing my luggage in the car. I forgot my capos. But the car rental staff was fast, the policeman let me off with a warning, and after five desperate attempts, I finally found a nail salon that was open (best manicure I've ever had!). And a kind soul brought me two capos from his house near the venue. It was all up from there. Joan's show was great—beautiful, soaring, funny, inspiring, and her band was really cool. But what made the night amazing was to be playing in a huge tent for a big crowd who were totally on my side and ready to cheer me on, and even more amazing, Joan had listened to my whole set—which I learned when she gave me glowing feedback on it after I exited the stage. She also invited me to have dinner with her band, was interested in learning about me, and left an autographed album with a personal note for me in my dressing room. Awesome! A perfect night!

One of the worst gigs was in London several years ago, Dave and I had walked for miles, carrying all of our merch, instruments, and other heavy equipment across town. The club didn't get the backlined drums for Dave that they and the promoter had promised. Another band on that night said we could use their equipment, only not the special percussion they had with them, saying they had label interest at the club and didn't want us to steal any of their thunder. But they said the drummer lived close by and would get a couple of standard pieces of gear and bring it back. However, just before the show started, they said they went to dinner instead of getting the gear, so we were out of luck. Ouch!

LES SAMPOU

Best gig: Montreal Jazz Fest: best sound, best audience. They rushed the stage for a solo folk artist and that was a first for me.

Worst gig: the produce section of a Super D supermarket, especially because everyone pretended I didn't exist, so completely humiliating for all involved. Why did I? To promote a festival; I was blackmailed: Pay to Play deal. Upside: No one tried to squeeze my melons.

JOHN LILLY

Best? Hard call, but probably the ruins of the Grand Hotel in Minagua, Nicaragua, in 1985. I was on a State Department-sponsored six week tour as a member of the Green Grass Cloggers dance team. There were many memorable venues, but this one beat all. It was literally the ruins of a hotel, which was razed by an earthquake nine years earlier. In true Nicaraguan style, they left the ruins alone and carried on around it. They built a stage over the swimming pool, mounted lights and scaffolding on the half tumbled-down walls, seating the audience amid the remaining rubble. It was funky and classy, humbling and uplifting. I fell on my ass on national TV but got back on my feet and kept on dancing. A lot like the folks there in Minagua.

Worst? So many to choose from! I'd have to say a bowling alley in Salinas, CA, in about 1981. I was living in Santa Cruz and had hustled a three-month contract to pick and sing country music three nights a week in a bowling alley bar about 50 miles away. Only problem was the woner forgot to advertise, promote, or even put up any of the posters I gave him. When I offered to make the rounds of the local newspapers and radio stations and slap up a few flyers, he firmly told me no. So it was me and the tables and chairs, the bartender, and the disco ball for three hours a night for about three or four weeks. He finally fired me, threatened to destroy my PA equipment, and hired a disco DJ. I took him to small claims court and eventually got some tiny percentage of the wages I lost. This was about the bottom of the barrel for me.

FRED KRC

Worst: The US Festival in San Bernadino, CA on Sept 5, 1982. I played with Jerry Jeff Walker, also on the bill were The Grateful Dead, Fleetwood Mac, Jackson Browne and Jimmy Buffett. We played to a faceless crowd of estimated 400,000, the biggest since Woodstock, they said. It was the zenith of total excess. The reality of the danger of sexually transmitted diseases had not yet set in. Casual sex with nameless partners, booze and drugs ran rampant, availability was at every turn and the music seemed to take a backseat to the party. Best: See above.

MISS LESLIE

Worst: I show up at a place I'd never played before in Pasadena. At the time I had a 7 piece band. 3 guys were sick, but I was still doing the gig-we still had a steel guitar, fiddle, drums, and bass. The first thing the manager asks me is how many people are in my band. I explain the situation. He asks if I'm planning on singing the entire night myself. Puzzled, I said yes. He explained to me that he did not have female fronted bands in his club without two male singers being in the band. When asked about the money, he stated he'd never paid that much for less than a 5-piece band. Since he didn't want a girl singer the whole night and I wasn't sure I'd get paid at the end of the night, I walked out. The only gig I've ever walked out on.

Best: Any gig where you can tell the audience digs it. It can be 10 people or 2000. It's the same feeling-best one in the world. As much as I bitch and moan about the music 'business,' I am privileged to constantly step onstage where I share music and people respond.

DAVID OLNEY

Best: Moab Festival in Moab, Utah. Sergio and I had been putting in a lot of miles playing hit and miss gigs. For every gig where we felt we'd made a dent, there seemed to be two where we got dented. I had no expectations heading into Moab. I was in one-foot-in-front-of-the-other mode. The response was overwhelmingly positive and I felt somehow redeemed. I had gotten to where I felt that what I had to offer was appealing to very few people, that I had a skill that was out of step with the times. I felt like a blacksmith at a craft's fair. I had become quaint. Moab made me feel like I had reentered the world.

Worst: I played with Paul K in Holland at a local fair. The stage was set up facing a bumper car track. The audience (both of them) were on the other side of the bumper car area. To play in front of an unresponsive crowd is something that happens now and then, and if you can't handle it, you'd better get another job. But to play in front screaming kids in bumper cars went beyond this by many a mile. I believed that I had been singled out for this abuse by a malignant God who hated me for no reason that I could discern.

DAYNA KURTZ

Best: my first record (Postcards From Downtown) became a fluke hit in The Netherlands, and I sold out Paradiso in Amsterdam, one of the most beautiful rooms in Europe, about a thousand people, the most I'd ever played in front of as a headliner, the line stretched around the block to get in and it was a thrill I've yet to match. Worst: hard to pick just one. There was the time I drove 15 hours almost straight to get to a gig I'd committed to in Boston after playing an awesome one for Mountain Stage in West Virginia. There were six people there and four of them were talking loudly thru my set. And when I packed up, I found out I'd been towed. In close competition, on one of my first tours before I had the sense to turn down bad offers, I opened up for a Grateful Dead cover band in Denver. It's hard to find a lower quality audience.

RICK BROUSSARD

I don't know if it was the best but my favorite gig was an early 90s Buddy Holly tribute and Buddy's wife Maria Elena where there. I sang True Love Ways with Johnny X Reed playing lead guitar. Afterwards Maria Elena came up to the stage and kissed me closed mouth on the lips-my favorite gig.

My worst gig was around 94/95, I walked out of the Black Cat Lounge and my mint 57 Chevy had been stolen. I got it back in pieces.

WILL T MASSEY

Worst: my high school talent show. My underaged band tried to play U2's Sunday Bloody Sunday and it was a train wreck. Humiliated in front of all my friends, I was suicidal afterward.

Best: Momo's on New Year's Day of this year. There was a loving full house for my 5 piece band. My brother and his girlfriend were visiting from Connecticut and it was great to have the opportunity to impress them.

YVETTE LANDRY

Hmmm, best gig? That's a tough one. Don't really think I can pinpoint one of those... however, the worst gig I've ever played was with the Lafayette Rhythm Devils at a now defunct festival in Panama City, FL. We played under a tent that was down wind, not only from the remnants of the boiled crawfish peelings that they were throwing in the trash, but also down wind and a mere 10 feet away from a line of 20 port-a-lets that had been sitting in the sun for several days. The sound guy kept hitting on our accordion player, and his friend, who was completely drunk stood in front of me, staring for about 40 minutes until-and I kid you not-he wet himself. The hotel they put us up in rented rooms by the hour... need I say more? Fortunately, we got paid. Only because we stated in our rider that we were to be paid in cash. None of the other bands got paid. They all got bogus checks!

BARBARA K

Best gig: my last one. Worst gig: my first one.

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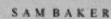
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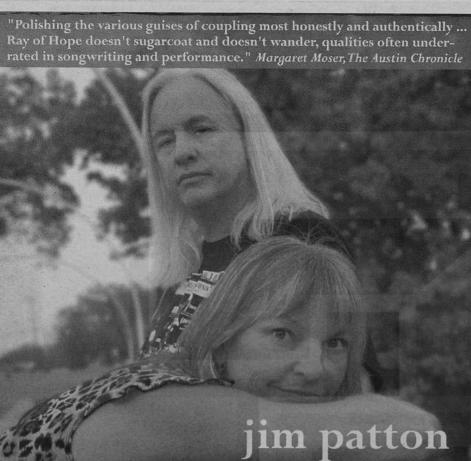
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3:30 Bettysoo

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4:30 Ron Flynt

5pm Walt Wilkins

5:30 Will T Massey

6pm John Fulbright

6:30 PM John Lilly

7pm Brian Kalinec

7:30 Jeff Talmadge

8pm Melissa Greener

8:30 Craig Marshall

9pm Michael Fracasso

Friday March 18th - NeWorlDeli

4101 Guadalupe Street (512-451-7170)

2pm Danny Britt

& sherry brokus

2:30 Mark Viator & Susan Maxey

3pm The Fabulous Ginn Sisters

3:30 Jim Patton & Sherry Brokus

4pm The Flyin' A's

4:30 Bettysoo

5pm Rex Foster

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aught up in setting up 3CM Presents and putting out fires, I kinda rushed the February issue more than somewhat, so way too many typos slipped by me, compounded by an error in setting up plates at the printers, which meant the recto pages were clipped. All in all, not one of my better efforts.

Correction: in last month's review of The Best Of Ripsaw Records Vol 1 (Part [Germany]), I misspelled the name of cofounder Jim Kirkhuff, of whom Jonathan Strong says, "There never would've been a Ripsaw label without him. I never would have started

such a venture on my own.'

Last month, I mentioned Barry Shank's stupefying book on Austin's New Sincerity and later remembered Ranger Rita, one time pillar of KNON, Dallas, asking me what it was, possibly when I reviewed Shank's book. After I explained it, as best I could, she told me, "OK, we have that in Dallas too, only we call it 'whiny white

kids from the suburbs.

I have to hand it to Jay Trachtenburg, he can keep a straight face when I'd be cracking up. Surfing radio channels the other day, I hit KUT just as he was prepping the 'Song of the Day,' with which I had an awful experience not so long ago, but stuck with it again out of idle curiosity. The fact that the chosen group was playing at Emo's that night was curious, to put it mildly, in fact a red flag with flares and sirens, but in his introduction, Thrachtenburg mentioned that whoever they were had been compared to The Cars. The Cars? They're playing New Wave on KUT??? I'd have gagged on announcing that, but Jay soldiered on like it was all in a day's work, which I guess it is now.

The subject line of an email from Joe Pareres (KSYM, San Antonio, TX) was 'a happy ending:' "So this morning there was ice and snow all over the roads down here which made driving pretty tricky. I was as I was passed by some moron in a yellow jeep who apparently believed he was immune from the conditions. Anyway, as he approached the next traffic light he had to stop and in doing so swerved to and fro and ended up over the curb and up on the sidewalk. Passing by couldn't help but notice the 'I Love Taylor Swift'

bumper sticker. Had to share."

Been getting an awful lot of PR duds lately. One outfit keeps sending me these weird little profiles of their acts that just don't make any sense. This is an actual example: "Blues/Adult Contemporary/Americana. Sounds Like: Etta James, KoKo Taylor, Aretha Franklin, Tina Turner, Eva Cassidy, Billie Holiday, Bessie Griffin, Tata Vega, Pink, Dusty Springfield." This is wrong on so many levels. While my first reaction to the multiple genres is, of course, 'make up your fucking mind,' in a generous mood I might allow two labels, max, though I don't quite see how you can be Adult Contemporary and Americana at the same time, the Americana Music Association radio chart notwithstanding. The "sounds like" part is really ridiculous. The reason those women have names worth invoking is that they don't, or didn't, sound like anyone else. I guess a singer might possibly be able to say she sounds a bit like any one of them, except Eva Cassidy, because nobody "sounds like" Eva Cassidy except Eva Cassidy, but all ten of them? What are you, an impersonator?

Incidentally, check out Sammy Davis Jr's impersonations on YouTube, they're brilliant. My favorite is his Jimmy Cagney version of One For My Baby, "There's no one in the place cept you and me, so

stick em up Joe.

Thinking of YouTube, last month I mentioned a horrible version of Steve Young's Seven Bridges Road by Keith Urban with Lady Antebellum, but a friend in the biz shed some interesting light on this.

The reason they did Young's classic was that Lady Antebellum wouldn't appear with Urban doing one of his songs, and there's no way Urban would sing on one of Lady Antebellum's songs, so they had to find neutral ground and, like most contemporary country acts, what they have in common is The Eagles. "I've heard this conversation backstage more than once—'what do we both know that isn't in his set or mine?"

Back to bad PR, this example was rather obviously sent to the wrong address: "If bands like Fleetwood Mac or Little River Band hold any significance for you then you will find Las Vegas band, Forgotten Door's music is right up your alley." Actually, I was OK with Fleetwood Mac back when it was Peter Green's Fleetwood Macthe original name, not many people know that-but I suspect that's not the period they had in mind. As for Little River Band, I try not to hold them against the

entire continent of Australia.

Think the publicist for Ray Wylie Hubbard's 3rd Annual Grit-n-Groove Festival, April 2nd at Whitewater Amphitheater, New Braunfels, TX, put a tad too much spin on the lineup, describing it as "jawdropping." I'll give her a pass on Tony Joe White, but Memphis Sound rhythm guitarist and songwriter Mabon Teenie' Hodges, while interesting, is hardly a household name and I don't think Joe Walsh's name has crossed my mind since The James Gang broke up in 1971. The rest of the bill is Jonathan Tyler & The Northern Lights, The Trishas, Matt King, Charlie Shafter and Lincoln

Durham-so where's your jaw now?

In a February feature, The Dallas Observer revealed that the Metroplex "has indisputably, and rather inexplicably, become the modern-day eight-track hub of the world." Centered on the opening of the world's first eight-track museum in Deep Ellum, featuring some 3000 tapes, along with other dead formats (wax cylinders, four-tracks and circular eight-track cartridges) owned and curated by Bucks Burnett, one time manager of the eight-track section of the longdefunct Peaches Records, the article notes that "oddly enough, Burnett isn't the sole eight-track proponent in the region." Nathan Brown, of Fort Worth, runs an eight-track label called Dead Media, while Arlington's Kathy & Dan Gibson not only run an online eight-track store, Kate's Track Shack, but handle cartridge repairs and have also launched their own eight-track production house, KTS Productions.

When The (original) Flatlanders' one and only album was first released, by Plantation in 1973, it was on eight-track only and Shelby Singleton didn't bother sending copies to Jimmy Dale Gilmore, Butch Hancock or Joe Ely. Many years later, Ely spotted one in a junk store—Hallelujah! Only, after scrambling around trying to lay his hands on a working eight-track player, he discovered that the tape inside was a Janie Fricke album.

The horror, the horror.

Debralou found this one, on Michael K's Dlisted website. "Esperanza Spalding' became the most hated words in a Belieber's vocabulary next to 'potty training time' when she drop kicked Justin Bieber's high chair by beating him in the Best New Artist category at the Grammys last night. While most us were Googling Esperanza Spalding to find out who the fuck she is, the Beliebers (who were already suffering through a severe kind of hyperness from staying up past their bedtimes) vandalized her Wikipedia page with their sprays of Gerber graffiti.

Can't decide if the latest International Country Music Conference announcement is funny or not because, like an offer from the Irish Mafia, I don't understand it: "Dr Jocelyn Neal, of the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, will deal with Which Chord Goes Where and Why?: Harmonic Function

in Contemporary Country. She brings to ICMC a special expertise—the ability to explain the technical, musicological structure of country music in a detailed step-by-step manner. Neal will challenge the ICMC audience as she states that "country music's longtime reputation as 'three chords and the truth' fails to represent the musical language, specifically, the chords, found in today's commercial country music" and "the chord progressions found in that music are part of the fingerprint of country music-something that is recognizable to its listeners, albeit usually subconsciously." Neal will also propose "a model of chord function that explains how country music's current harmonic language both connects it to and distinguishes it from related genres, most specifically rock and gospel, and its own past." Huh? However, my ICMC mole reports, "When I saw the title, I had some doubts about it myself. I can only tell you that Neal is a serious music scholar, has lent some commonsense musicology to the otherwise mostly idiotic ICMC programs, and published a pretty good book, The Songs Of Jimmie Rodgers (she analyzed only three songs in depth but otherwise said some things that needed to be said).

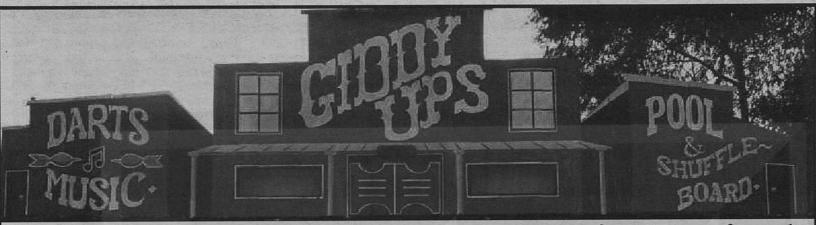
Picking up on my penchant for ICMC's programming, FARster Bill Wagman (Saturday Morning Folk Show, KDVS, Davis, CA) sent me this quote from Wolverine Blues by Jack Pendarvis in the 11th Southern Music Edition of the Oxford American: "Art starts at street level, is appropriated and homogenized into the mainstream after a lot of sermons about the culture going to hell, then picked up and dissected by beardstroking professors before winding up at its true destination: in the background of a TV commercial, or playing at a low volume while you shop for shampoo or cat food." Pendarvis also remarks, "With the slide into the mainstream comes the belittling idea of ease, an emphasis on surfaces... everybody thinks he or she could win a rap battle if an emergency arose. But like anything else, it's pretty easy to do badly and very hard to do well.

Another Wagman comment: "You mentioned Country Strong, just listen to Fred Eaglesmith's Alcohol And Pills and you'll sort of get the plotline. Although I do give them credit for using several of Hayes Carll's songs in the soundtrack. It's kind of cool too to see the gowns Gwyneth Paltrow wears for her big concert, they show a lot of leg, always important for a

Before Valentine's Day, the grocery store where I work put up flyers offering employees discounts on "fragrances." Just as I was thinking that DL would likely divorce my ass if brought home a drop of Paris Hilton, I found this: "You can also find traditional drug store scents like... Faith Hill." This is believed to be the first time the words 'traditional' and 'Faith Hill' have

appeared in the same sentence.

I rather despised The Doobie Brothers simply because I feel there's something radically wrong with having two drummers, but even if you have some residual affection for them, you may be a little surprised to hear where the reunion of the late-70s lineup performed during February-The Grand Ole Opry. Sharing the stage with Jean Shepard and Jim Ed Brown! The Opry's general manager, Pete Fisher, famously told Stonewall Jackson "I don't want any gray hairs on that stage or in the audience, and before I'm done there won't be any," but I can't help feeling that between the Doobies themselves and what's left of their audience, there'll be plenty of grey hair, at least among those lucky enough to still have any hair. Further up the same bill, in Vince Gill's segment, was an even odder name, Keb' Mo'. Remember when the Opry was the Mother Church?



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4:00pm	Danny Fast Fingers	John Lilly	Bianca De Leon	Amelia White	Russ Garvey
5:00pm	Love Vandals	Mark Henricks	Janine Wilson Band	Jason Arnold & The Stepsiders	Jon Hogan & Maria Moss
6:00pm	Jessica Shepherd	Jim Ray Wyly	Yvette Landry	Suzette Lawrence & The Neon Angels	Will T. Massey
7:00pm	Miss Leslie & Her Juke Jointers	Ted Roddy & The Hit Kickers	Amanda Pearcy	Michael Shane Borden	Biscuit Grabbers
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irst off, I'm under orders from the boss to tell you that she really likes Austin Monthly, but I have to say that the magazine's fifth annual Bands To Watch feature in the current issue, showcasing "musicians on the cusp of hitting it big," is absolutely hilarious, which I doubt was the intention. Introducing the eleven acts, the mag claims, "Everyone in town is buzzing about them." "Everyone"? Leaving aside that, at a wildly optimistic estimate, 90% of the people in Austin could care less about local music, I can't imagine there's even one person actually interested in Austin music who's buzzing about all eleven.

Before we get to these Next Big Things, the intro also includes, "Last year, we told you... The Bright Light Social Hour were about to blow up. And blow up they did. Bright Light's debut was even named top Texas album of 2010 by The *Chronicle*'s Margaret Moser." Moser is one of the few people at the *Chron* I admire, but this

seems to be a rather curious definition of blowing up.

OK, of the eleven acts, I've never heard anyone mention nine of them, which must mean I don't get out enough and move in the wrong circles when I do. The two I know are #3 Hayes Carll, once again cast as 'New & Emerging,' and #4 Sahara Smith, who, for fairly obvious babe factor reasons, is on the cover. Of the others, #1 Ringo Deathstarr plays "noise-pop" and is, we're told, big in the UK. #2 SPEAK, "infectious melodies, indie rock and youthful energy with a heavy dose of synth," won Best New Band in the 2010 Austin Music Awards, of which one member says, "To me, that was a huge game-changer," apparently unaware that this award is also known as 'The Kiss of Death.' In an inset, one Cody R Cowan says of #5, "If Death Cab For Cutie and Weezer arm wrestled at an Arcade Fire ACL taping, that would sound like The Eastern Sea," whatever the fuck that's supposed to mean.

#7 Yellowfever is an alt-rock duo of which the profile says, "They prefer intimate concerts at coffee shops and art spaces" (translation: they get gigs at coffee shops and art spaces). #8 Quiet Company plays power pop, while #9 Mother Falcon is "an achingly beautiful combination of orchestral chamber music and indie pop" (did I hear somebody mention wild horses?). #10 Jodee Purkeypile, though from Lubbock and the son of a musician who once jammed at Stubbs, plays Brit-pop, which I can't help thinking calls for a stage name as Purkeypile is a bit of a gift to the notoriously cruel British music press. Finally, we reach the finish line with #11 The White White Lights, whose photograph, the three male members holding the female singer horizontally, was a cliche 30 years ago. Rather oddly, it's hard to make out what kind of music they play (I dismissed "rock 'n' roll" out of hand), but this, from the website, sounds fairly plausible, "a fair amount of New Wave mixed with a whole lot of rock."

For my money, just one of them has a prayer of even making a decent living. Hayes Carll has a record label, a manager, a publicist, American and European bookers, a shitload of great press, tours constantly, has deliberately distanced himself, lazy Texas journalists notwithstanding, from dead-end regional crapola and, perhaps most crucially, he's had three songs placed in a major motion picture. For a songwriter, this is a huge breakthrough, not to mention a nice little earner.

As for others, I hold no animosity towards them, as long as I don't have to listen to most of them, and wish them the best of luck. They're going to need it. Now get out there and buzz about them. After all, everyone else is.

LES SAMPOU Lonesomeville

Year by putting out or programming 'Best Of' lists or spotlight shows of the previous year's albums, and you may have noticed that the FAR reporters and I are no exception. It's not just that new releases tend to get very thin on the ground round the turn of the year, it really is an opportunity to look back, take stock and reflect on which albums we chose to write about or play and to highlight some of them with a little extra ink or airplay.

I can, of course, only speak for myself, but the process of creating JC's Best O' starts with going through the previous year's issues of **3CM** and making preliminary lists. I've noticed with the FAR reporters that a few of them come up with albums they didn't report to the monthly charts, which I assume means these are sleepers that snuck up on them gradually, but I keep it simple. If I didn't review it, it doesn't get considered. As I use the same format as the FAR & Away reports, these lists, which invariably start out rather longer, have to be cut down to six in the Album of

the Year category, three in all the others. This is never easy.

Looking at 2010's offerings, I started off with 13 contenders for Album of the Year, so right there I had a problem. OK, first off, a little tactical voting. Eilen Jewell's **Butcher Holler**; A **Tribute To Loretta Lynn** (Signature Sounds) and Blaze Foley's **Sittin' By The Road** (Lost Art) were no-brainers for, respectively, #1 VA/Tribute Album and #1 Reissue/Historic Album, which took care of them. Then Yvette Landry's **Should Have Known** (Soko) and **Zoe Muth & The Lost High Rollers** (SonicBoom) were both Debuts, so they got the top spots in that category. Now things are looking a little better, I'm down to nine, of which, reluctantly, I had to move New Mystery Girl's **Twist City** (self) into Debut as well, a bit of a technicality as Chrissy Flatt does have albums out under her own name, but at least she got a #1 for *Sally's Rumble* as Song of the Year.

Now, there are only two albums that have to go, but which two? Better way of looking at it, who absolutely has to stay? Much easier: Sarah Borges' Live Singles (self), Marti Brom's Not For Nothin' (Goofin' [Finland]/Ripsaw), Caleb Klauder's Western Country (Quicksilver), Carrie Rodriguez's Love And Circumstance (Ninth Street Opus), Les Sampou's Lonesomeville (self) and Sally Spring's Made Of Stars (Sniffinpip). Now we're getting somewhere, except for the really hard part, ranking them. I don't know how many combinations I tried out to see how they looked, though early on I abandoned numbering because that was next door to meaningless, but eventually I hit on Sampou, Borges, Brom, Spring, Rodriguez, Klauder and that

seemed about right.

So why Les Sampou, who only made #2 in the FAR charts and #6 in FAR & Away? Actually, there's an easy answer. What swung it her way was that while I'd loaded a couple three favorite songs from each of the other albums onto my iPod, I had **Lonesomeville** almost in its entirety, because I couldn't decide which, apart from Sam & Alice, were the best tracks, and I was still listening to it when I didn't have to (music writers are like sharks, we have to keep moving forward, forever hunting for fresh meat). This strongly suggested that, while its rivals were all extremely good, Sampou's album was, in my opinion at least, if not actually perfect, at least within spitting distance of it.

There are, I imagine, few artists who don't think that their latest album is the greatest thing since sliced bread, but I came to find that it's actually quite difficult to discuss an album with an artist who already knows that you think it was the best one to cross your desk in an entire year. However, Sampou did shed some light on what made Lonesomeville so special. While she says of her four previous releases, **Sweet Perfume** (self, 1994), **Fall From Grace** (Rounder, 1996), **Les Sampou** (Rounder, 1999) and **Borrowed & Blue** (self, 2006), "every album is different," one unifying theme in reviews of the first three (**Borrowed & Blue** was solo blue covers) was admiration for Sampou's songwriting. In my original review (#163/252, August, 2010), I noted that while there were only nine tracks, all originals, "Sampou seems to be a shrewd judge of her own material (never a given with songwriters)," and, it turns out, she started out with 25 to 30 songs, paring them down to create an album with a theme, "The others were all over the place. This time, I picked the nine songs that best complemented each other."

Sampou also lavishes praise on colleagues such as JP Jones, who has co-credit on the sinuous, mesmerizing title track. "I gave him the credit because he suggested slowing it down, which was absolutely the right thing to do." She also lauds not just producer Chris Rival and the outstanding Boston musicians, notably Kevin Barry (guitars) and Jimmy Ryan (mandolin), who backed her, but singles out Ducky Carlisle, who mixed the album and helped her fine tune the vocals, to stunning effect.

"I'm extremely proud of it" is a fairly stock artist comment on a new album, but when Les Sampou adds, "there's a shine around it," she gets no argument from me, in fact I couldn't have put it better myself. There was a time when I was leery about inviting people I'd never seen to perform at **3CM Presents**, but this year I've thrown caution to the winds, because if Les Sampou (and Yvette Landy and Zoe Muth) are half as good as they sound on their records, they'll knock our socks off.

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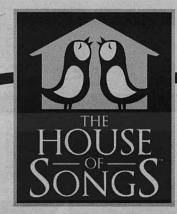
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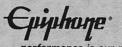
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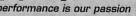


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Willis Alan Ramsey • 1951 Birmingham, AL
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6th Bob Wills • 1905 Limestone Co, TX
Doug Dillard • 1937 East St Louis, IL
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12th Earl Poole Ball • 1941 Columbia, MS Jeff Potter • 1946 Hartford, CT Traci Lamar • 1960 Lubbock, TX

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Carl Smith • 1927 Maynardsville, TN
Tommy McLain • 1940 Jonesville, LA
Linda McRae • 1953 Duncan, BC, Canada

16th Tim O'Brien • 1954 Wheeling, WV
Sean Mencher • 1961 Washington, DC
Patty Griffin • 1964 Old Town, ME
T-Bone Walker † 1975

17th Smokey Montgomery • 1913 Rinard, IA

18th Wilson Pickett • 1941 Prattville, AL James McMurtry • 1962 Fort Worth, TX

19th Clarence Henry • 1937 New Orleans, LA Richard Dobson • 1942 Tyler, TX

20th Sister Rosetta Tharpe • 1915 Cotton Plant, AR Marcia Ball • 1949 Orange, TX
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21st Chip Taylor • 1940 Yonkers, NY
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