

TRUE BLUEGRASS

Guitar

featuring

Tony Rice • Norman Blake • Larry Sparks
David Grier • Richard Bennett and more

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CODY KILBY

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To round out its collection of outstanding bluegrass musicians, Rebel Records has gone to its vaults to gather up 19 tunes that should please any serious guitar picker or fan of that instrument. The songs and the artists are pretty well known wherever bluegrass and acoustic music are heard, but even the most sophisticated fans and well-traveled pickers may well hear something new to them in this superb collection. Where else can you hear some of the greatest guitarists in bluegrass—pickers like Tony Rice, Norman Blake and Larry Sparks—all on one bargain recording?

Not only are the musicians here technically superb, but each has a distinctive style of his own. There are four tunes by Tony Rice—a near-legendary picker—who had much to do with introducing lead guitar to the field of bluegrass. His work is highlighted here by the inclusion of four numbers—three dynamic old fiddle tunes and the fourth a lovely version of **GEORGIA ON MY MIND**.

A picker who was highly influenced by Rice is Richard Bennett, who is heard here on the classic **GREENSLEEVES** and **WASHINGTON COUNTY**, with Norman Blake and Larry Sparks demonstrating their own noteworthy styles.

A musician who was a master of several styles—the late James Alan Shelton—was featured for many years as a key member of Ralph Stanley's Clinch Mountain Boys; here he plays the Elizabeth Cotten classic **FREIGHT TRAIN** and **EIGHT MORE MILES TO LOUISVILLE** as well as one of his own tunes, a lovely tribute to his wife, **SONG FOR GRETA**.

Whereas Kenny Baker and Josh Graves are well known for their own personal styles (on fiddle and Dobro respectively), they combine their skills on a guitar duet by working together on Baker's tune **BUCKTIME**. Other artists who combine their talents in duet form are Kenny Smith and Tim Stafford, as well as Charlie Waller (of the Country Gentlemen), and Randall Hylton.

Two other tunes feature David Grier and Jeremy Stephens (the latter working out on an old-time duet learned from West Virginian Roy Harvey). And last but not least are three beautifully played pieces by Cody Kilby, who as a young teenager showed enough technique and feeling to be chosen by Ricky Skaggs as a key member of his outstanding group Kentucky Thunder.

1. **TOM AND JERRY**

CODY KILBY

(Traditional)

Cody Kilby: guitar, mandolin and bass

From the album *Just Me* (Rebel 1736), 1997

2. **FREIGHT TRAIN**

JAMES ALAN SHELTON

Elizabeth Cotton (Sanga Music, BMI)

James Alan Shelton: lead guitar and mandolin

Ralph Stanley II: rhythm guitar

Steve Sparkman: banjo

James Price: fiddle

Audey Ratliff: bass

From the album *Song for Greta* (Rebel 1785), 2002

3. **BUCKTIME**

KENNY BAKER & JOSH GRAVES

Kenny Baker (Wynwood Music, BMI)

Kenny Baker: lead guitar

Josh Graves: Dobro

Bob Martin: rhythm guitar

Roger Bellow: bass

From the album *The Puritan Sessions* (Rebel 1108), 1989

4. **SALT CREEK**

TONY RICE

Bill Monroe - Bill Keith (Songs of Universal, BMI)

Tony Rice: guitar

J.D. Crowe: banjo

Larry Rice: mandolin

Bobby Slone: bass

From the album *Guitar* (Rebel 1582), 1980

5. **THE GIRL I LEFT BEHIND ME**

NORMAN BLAKE & RED RECTOR

(Traditional)

Norman Blake: lead guitar

Red Rector: mandolin

Charlie Collins: rhythm guitar

Roy Huskey, Jr.: bass

From the album *Norman Blake & Red Rector* (County 755), 1976

6. **MEMORIES OF YOU**

CODY KILBY

Cody Kilby (Markyle Music, BMI)

Cody Kilby: guitar, mandolin, Dobro and bass

From the album *Just Me* (Rebel 1736), 1997

7. **JUST PICKIN'**

JEREMY STEPHENS

(Roy Harvey-Leonard Copeland)

Jeremy Stephens: guitar

Kirk Sutphin: guitar

From the album *Scarlet Banjo* (Rebel 1766), 2001

8. **EIGHT MORE MILES
TO LOUISVILLE**

JAMES ALAN SHELTON

Louis M. Jones (Fort Knox Music/Trio Music, BMI)

James Alan Shelton: lead and rhythm guitars, mandolin

Barry Bales: bass

From the album *Half Moon Bay* (Rebel 1809), 2004

9. **RED HAIRED BOY**

TONY RICE

(Traditional)

Tony Rice: guitar
Ben Eldridge: banjo
Larry Rice: mandolin
Mike Auldrige: Dobro
Ricky Skaggs: fiddle
Tom Gray: bass

From the album *California Autumn* (Rebel 1549), 1975

10. **GREENSLEEVES**

RICHARD BENNETT

(Traditional)

Richard Bennett: guitar
Tony Rice: guitar
Kenny Blanton: mandolin
Phil Leadbetter: Dobro
Jerome Webb: fiddle
Mark Brooks: bass

From the album *Walking Down the Line* (Rebel 1738), 1997

11. **BILLY IN THE LOWGROUND**

TONY RICE

(Traditional)

Tony Rice: guitar
Ben Eldridge: banjo
Larry Rice: mandolin
Jerry Douglas: Dobro
Ricky Skaggs: fiddle
Tom Gray: bass

From the album *California Autumn* (Rebel 1549), 1975

12. **ANGELINE THE BAKER**

KENNY SMITH & TIM STAFFORD

(Traditional)

Kenny Smith: guitar
Tim Stafford: guitar

From the album *Knee Deep in Bluegrass: The AcuTab Sessions*
(Rebel 1759), 2000

13. **CARTER'S BLUES**

LARRY SPARKS

(Traditional)

Larry Sparks: guitar
Tommy Boyd: Dobro
Kirk Brandenberger: fiddle
Mike Carter: bass

From the album *John Deere Tractor* (Rebel 1588), 1980

14. **WHISKEY BEFORE
BREAKFAST**

DAVID GRIER

(Traditional)

David Grier: guitar

From the Richard Greene album *The Grass Is Greener*
(Rebel 1714), 1995

15. **CANNONBALL RAG**

CHARLIE WALLER & RANDALL HYLTON

Merle Travis (Unichappell Music, BMI)

Charlie Waller: guitar
Randall Hylton: guitar

From the album *The Singer & The Songster* (Rebel 1679), 1990

16. **GEORGIA ON MY MIND**

TONY RICE

Hoagy Carmichael - Stuart Gorrell (APRS, BMI)

Tony Rice: guitar and vocal

Ricky Skaggs: fiddle

Tom Gray: bass

From the album *California Autumn* (Rebel 1549), 1975

17. **SONG FOR GRETA**

JAMES ALAN SHELTON

James Alan Shelton (Markyle Music, BMI)

James Alan Shelton: lead guitar

Ralph Stanley II: rhythm guitar

John Rigsby: mandolin

James Price: fiddle

Audey Ratliff: bass

From the album *Song for Greta* (Rebel 1785), 2002

18. **WASHINGTON COUNTY**

RICHARD BENNETT

Kenny Baker (Wynwood Music, BMI)

Richard Bennett: guitar

Jimmy Gaudreau: mandolin

Bobby Hicks: fiddle

Randy Barnes: bass

From the album *A Long Lonesome Time* (Rebel 1748), 1998

19. **ST. ANNE'S REEL**

CODY KILBY

(Traditional)

Cody Kilby: guitar, mandolin and bass

From the album *Just Me* (Rebel 1736), 1997

