

Music Review

By Alan Wolslegel

**GTM String Band**

The GTM String Band is a new band made up of old friends or at least familiar faces. Greg Stone, Tony Rocci, and Marty Henick are from the Portland / Vancouver area and have been around the local music scene for some time.

Greg and Tony are former students of George Chudacoff, a Vancouver area teacher and talented player we unfortunately lost to cancer. I have not met Marty but sure enjoyed his bass and vocals on the CD.

Greg and Tony are regulars at the Winlock Acoustic Music Association (WAMA - formerly Winlock Bluegrass Association) slow jam at the Hope Grange so we get to enjoy their playing the second Saturday of each month during the winter. Hang around after the slow jam and watch them jam with Marv for some outstanding picking.

This CD is the first for the GTM String Band and I like it a lot. I borrowed it from Libby Bigler to listen to for this review.....good luck getting it back, Lib! Really though, I intend to buy a copy at the first opportunity.

There are 14 tracks of traditional music from country, bluegrass and Celtic genres, and one original (Marty's Jig), written by Marty Henick, all done with a wonderful old-time feel with Tony and Greg on guitars and Marty on the bass. All three contribute to the vocals for some smooth harmony.

I really like the song selection, arrangements, and quality of the recording which sets the stage for these talented musicians and makes for an enjoyable listening experience. The GTM String Band was one of the bands the selection committee chose to play at the WAMA Festival the first weekend in June at

Winolequa Park in Winlock, come and watch them and you will see why.

Tracks on this album include "Angeline the Baker", "Flowers of Edinburgh", "Irish Washer-woman", "In the Pines", "Cincinnati Rag", "You Are My Flower" and other favorites. That's my take. 🎵

Rounder to Release *Rounder Records' 40th Anniversary Concert* Album in March

Concert Special to Air on PBS

Burlington, MA – On March 2, Rounder will re-release ***Rounder Records' 40th Anniversary Concert***, an album of the concert that celebrated the label's 40 years in the music industry. Recorded in October 2009, at Nashville's Grand Ole Opry, the concert will also be presented as a **PBS** television special that will begin airing on the network in March, 2010 and released on DVD in May.

The event is a superb exhibition of Rounder's diverse roster, and features Grammy® winning Rounder artists **Alison Krauss & Union Station featuring Jerry Douglas, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Bela Fleck, and Irma Thomas** along with musical host **Minnie Driver**, and special guests **Nathan & The Zydeco Cha Chas** and Jazz/R&B pianist, **Henry Butler**.

The CD will include performances by these artists as well as select performances from **Steve Martin's** show at The Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, from **Alison Krauss and Robert Plant's** 2008 CMT "Crossroads" special, and from **Madeleine Peyroux's** 2009 concert in Los Angeles.

The event was filmed by **High Five Entertainment**, and a portion of the ticket proceeds were donated to **NARAS' Grammy® in the Schools Programs** to cultivate the understanding, appreciation and advancement of the contribution of recorded music to American culture.

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