

TRUE BLUEGRASS

Mandolin

featuring

Bill Monroe • Ricky Skaggs • Doyle Lawson
Frank Wakefield • Larry Rice and more




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 As the story goes, Bill Monroe learned to play the mandolin by default—the other major stringed instruments (the fiddle and guitar), were already “taken” by his older brothers Charlie and Burch. But the highly-motivated youngster was not to be denied and became one of the all-time greats on an instrument that was seldom featured in that day and age. (Monroe was further inspired by the fiddling of his Uncle Pen Vandiver, who taught him many of the old-time tunes that became a key part of his everyday repertoire.)

Monroe may have been encouraged by his family and the many musicians that inhabited his home county in Western Kentucky, but he was to leave a long string of pickers whose skill and influence extend to this day and contribute substantially to the bluegrass sound and style.

On this CD, you can hear a variety of styles by some of the very best mandolin pickers in the business: stylists like Doyle Lawson, Dempsey Young, Red Rector and of course Ricky Skaggs—all of these are well known to most bluegrass fans. And Bill Monroe himself is joined by the legendary fiddler Kenny Baker on the initial release of Monroe’s classic **ROAD TO COLUMBUS**. Other old but great tunes include **FISHER’S HORNPIPE**, **COO COO’S NEST**, as well as Frank Wakefield’s stunning treatment of the old fiddle tune **BILL CHEATHAM** (previously unreleased ‘til now). Some lesser-known but great pieces by top artists like Hershel Sizemore, Scott Napier, Jerry Stuart, Alan Bibey and a trio of masterpieces by Butch Baldassari (**OLD TOWN**, **JACKRABBIT TRAIL** and Monroe’s **HONKY TONK SWING**), round out this superb collection.

Whether as a learning tool, or for just plain good listening, this disc will please mandolin and bluegrass lovers everywhere.

1. **OLD TOWN**

BUTCH BALDASSARI

Butch Baldassari (Slocum Hollow Songs, BMI)

Butch Baldassari: mandolin
Tim Stafford: guitar
Tom Adams: banjo
Stuart Duncan: fiddle
Mike Bub: bass

From the album *Old Town* (Rebel 1681), 1990

2. **FLORIDA BLUES**

RICKY SKAGGS

Arthur Smith (Berwick Music Co., BMI)

Ricky Skaggs: mandolin, fiddle and guitar
Jerry Douglas: Dobro
Marc Pruett: banjo
Tom Gray: bass

From the album *That's It* (Rebel 1550), 1975

3. **REBECCA**

HERSCHEL SIZEMORE

Hershel Sizemore (Southern Melody Publishing Co., BMI)

Hershel Sizemore: mandolin
Del McCoury: guitar
Tom McKinney: banjo
Sonny Miller: fiddle
John Palmer: bass

From the album *Bounce Away* (County 774), 1979

4. **JUKE JOINT BOOGIE**

LYLE MEADOR

Lyle Meador (Brandenote Publishing, BMI)

Lyle Meador: mandolin
Karl Shiflett: guitar

Jake Jenkins: banjo
Chuck Westerman: fiddle
Kris Shiflett: bass

From the Karl Shiflett & Big Country Show album *In Full Color* (Rebel 1772), 2001

5. **AROUND THE CAROUSEL**

SCOTT NAPIER

Scott Napier (Markyle Music, BMI)

Scott Napier: mandolin
Larry Sparks: guitar
Josh McMurray: banjo
Virgil Bowlin: bass

From the Larry Sparks album *Special Delivery* (Rebel 1681), 1990

6. **ROAD TO COLUMBUS**

BILL MONROE & KENNY BAKER

Bill Monroe (Bill Monroe Music, BMI)

Bill Monroe: mandolin
Kenny Baker: fiddle
Joe Stuart: guitar
Vic Jordan: banjo
Randy Davis: bass

From the Kenny Baker album *Plays Bill Monroe* (County 761), 1976

7. **ROCKY RUN**

JERRY STUART

Jerry Stuart (Wynwood Music Co., BMI)

Jerry Stuart: mandolin
Tony Williamson: guitar
Gary Williamson: banjo
Bobby Hicks: fiddle
Tom Gray: bass

From the album *Rocky Run* (County 767), 1978

8. **SPECKLED PUPS**

DEMPSEY YOUNG

Dempsey Young (Fairystone Publishing Co., BMI)

Dempsey Young: mandolin

Bubba Chandler: guitar

Gene Parker: banjo

Allen Mills: bass

From the Lost & Found album *The Lost & Found*
(Rebel 1589), 1980

9. **THE JACKRABBIT TRAIL**

BUTCH BALDASSARI

Butch Baldassari (Slocum Hollow Songs, BMI)

Butch Baldassari: mandolin

Alan O'Bryant: banjo

Pat Enright: guitar

Stuart Duncan: fiddle

Gene Libbea: bass

From the album *Old Town* (Rebel 1681), 1990

10. **COO COO'S NEST**

LARRY RICE

(Traditional, arr. Larry Rice)

Larry Rice: mandolin

Tony Rice: guitar

Gabe Valla: guitar

From the album *Notions and Novelties* (Rebel 1734), 1996

11. **CRICKET ON THE HEARTH**

NORMAN BLAKE & RED RECTOR

(Traditional, arr. Blake-Rector)

Red Rector: mandolin

Norman Blake: lead guitar

Charlie Collins: rhythm guitar

Roy Huskey, Jr.: bass

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

12. **GORDON MCGREGOR**

ALAN BIBEY

Alan Bibey (Markyle Music, BMI)

Alan Bibey: mandolin

Russell Moore: guitar

Terry Baucom: banjo

Mike Hartgrove: fiddle

Ray Deaton: bass

From the IIIrd Tyme Out album *Puttin' New Roots Down*
(Rebel 1703), 1992

13. **LOVER'S CONCERTO**

DOYLE LAWSON

Linzer & Randell (Screen Gems-EMI Music, BMI)

Doyle Lawson: mandolin

Pete Goble: guitar

James Bailey: banjo

Jerry Douglas: Dobro

Kenny Baker: fiddle

Bobby Slone: bass

From the album *Tennessee Dream* (County 766), 1977

14. **BOUNCE AWAY**

HERSCHEL SIZEMORE

Hershel Sizemore (Southern Melody Publishing Co., BMI)

Hershel Sizemore: mandolin

Del McCoury: guitar

Tom McKinney: banjo

Sonny Miller: fiddle

John Palmer: bass

From the album *Bounce Away* (County 774), 1979

15. **BILL CHEATHAM**

FRANK WAKEFIELD & RED ALLEN

(Traditional, arr. Allen-Wakefield)

Frank Wakefield: mandolin

Red Allen: guitar

Don Stover: banjo

Kenny Kosek: fiddle

Kevin Smyth: bass

** Previously Unreleased (recorded in 1972)

16. **FISHER'S HORNPIPE**

JIMMY GAUDREAU & MOONDI KLEIN

(Traditional, arr. Gaudreau-Klein)

Jimmy Gaudreau: mandola

Moondi Klein: octave mandolin

From the album *Home from the Mills* (Rebel 1843), 2012

17. **FOGGY VALLEY**

RED RECTOR & FRED SMITH

(Ellis Hall)

Red Rector: mandolin

Fred Smith: guitar

Bill Chambers: banjo

Kenny Baker: fiddle

From the album *Songs From the Heart of the Country*
(County 721), 1969

18. **STUART'S MARCH**

JERRY STUART

*Jerry Stuart (Southern Melody
Publishing Co., BMI)*

Jerry Stuart: mandolin

Tony Williamson: guitar

Gary Williamson: banjo

Bobby Hicks: fiddle

Tom Gray: bass

From the album *Rocky Run* (County 767), 1978

