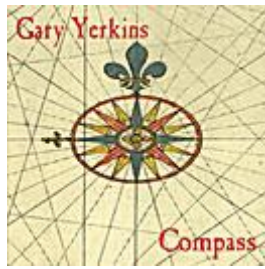


Mp3 Gary Yerkins - Compass



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A collection of songs including acoustic folk, blues, pop and a little bit of soul. 12 MP3 Songs FOLK: Folk-Rock, ROCK: Americana Details: I've played in a couple of Chicago based bands over the last 20 or so years. The Insiders did the major label cha cha (Epic) and continued to be proudly productive long after we went indy. After that shut down, I formed a loosely Country/Roots band with a couple other Insiders and a few friends and collaborators from other Chicago bands. Dubbed the Juleps by our pal Nash Kato and initially a temporary side project, the band made 2 CDs and a fair amount of good quality but still unreleased demo sessions. Lots of fun. Recently I've finally settled into working on what turned out to be a long-procrastinated solo project. I've always meant to do a straight-up singer/songwriter thing and it's been great to finally get around to it. After writing some promising initial stuff, I decided I wanted to work with a producer who could meet three basic criteria: Great, new to me and... out of town. I contacted Pete Droge, whose writing and production I liked a lot and matched the direction I was hearing, and the rest has all pretty much fallen into place. Pete is a formidable artist; great producer/engineer, singer, guitar player, atmosphere assembler and all around good egg. It's been a fabulous collaboration and I'm really looking forward to having it done and out there. Plus, as I write this Pete's my only myspace friend! Quality, not quantity so they say. Compass is not exactly a solo record, just not with a set band. I started getting a good bead on a direction in 2005 and hooked up with producer, songwriter Pete Droge. I'd been an admirer of Pete's work and his recent recordings, particularly his Skywatching record, were in the direction of a lot of the stuff I was working out. So of I went to Vashon, WA for a series of sessions at the Puzzle Tree. I wanted to make a leaner set than in the past with songs and arrangements that would find their intensity coming from a different direction and energy. Sort of heat without the flash. The CD will be out in early 2007 and features Rob Brill on drums and Dave Hull on bass. Both of these guys played in

the Sinners with Pete and it was great watching them get it done together. Additional drums and bass features Ben Smith and Andy Stoller. Ben is the current drummer for Heart and Andy records and tours with a bunch of people, including Tracy Chapman. Elaine Summers adds some fine background vocals and my old friend and partner Grant Tye threw down some of his usual stellar guitar when he was in Vashon with the Robbie Fulks band. My good pal and favorite singing partner Cathy Richardson added a background vox on a song or two and the great Art Hoyle played a killer trumpet track. Otherwise pretty much everything else is played and sung by me and Pete. People who are interested in Pete Droge should consider this download.

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