Mp3 Rick Jamison - Open Spaces



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Rick Jamison is a guitarist, composer, singer, and one of the people reviewers always hope they'll find -an artist who seems to have appeared from the ether, fully formed, mature, meaningful and really talented -Hilary West, Bluegrass Now 12 MP3 Songs COUNTRY: Bluegrass, FOLK: Modern Folk Details: "Rick Jamison is a guitarist, composer, singer, and one of the people reviewers always hope they'll find - an artist who seems to have appeared from the ether, fully formed, mature, meaningful and really talented. "Open Spaces" is a wonderful recording punctuated by high quality production, fine artwork, graphics, layout and insightful liner notes to accompany each track - nine of which are originals. "Clearly Rick Jamison didn't come from the ether and he has some excellent musical friends, namely Phil Cornish on mandolin and harmony vocals, Megan Lynch on fiddle and Rob, Pat and Elida Ickes on dobro, banjo and acoustic bass respectively. Make no mistake: Rob Ickes was not brought on as a 'Ringer'; the musicianship is high quality and balanced. The project moves through a diverse landscape of music, well crafted and bearing a distinct personality so completely integrated with the music it could only be a reflection of Rick Jamison himself. "While primarily an instrumental recording, there are a few songs on which Rick sings lead in a voice faintly reminiscent of Gordon Lightfoot - perhaps something in phrasing. There are three traditional selections arranged by Jamison and his intro to "Cattle in the Cane" is both unexpected and splendid. "'Open Spaces' is incredibly centered, real and compelling. A treat and discovery, 'Open Spaces' is highly recommended." - Hilary West, Bluegrass Now *** "Holy Moly! I am sitting here at the computer drinking in the free flowing sound of Rick Jamison's guitar. What a wonderful treat! I always knew this guy was a great guitar player, but this is just not fair! Where the \$#@ does he get off producing such incredible music? "On his debut CD 'Open Spaces' Rick has captured the very soul of bluegrass and acoustic music. I have been listening to and performing this genre' since the mid 60's, and

I have seldom heard this kind of clarity and artistic excellence. Rick's freedom and inner joy exudes through his instrument and voice on the same caliber of the great Tony Rice! "The 'Open Spaces' CD features performances from mandolin player/vocalist Phil Cornish, fiddle player Megan Lynch and three members of the musical Ickes family: Elida Ickes on bass, Pat Ickes on banjo and multiple IBMA Dobro player of the year, Rob Ickes. Talk about stacking the deck! Good Lord! How can you go wrong pickin' with people with chops like that? "Included on the CD are four vocal tracks and eight instrumentals that offer tremendous variety in tempo, mood and style. The second track, 'Where Peaceful Waters Flow' pays tribute to the seafaring tragedy that was the subject of 'A Perfect Storm'. This is an original by Rick that I had the pleasure of hearing him do one evening a few years ago, while sitting in front of my camper at the Grass Valley Father's Day Festival. It was great then, and it's even better now." - George Ireton, California Bluegrass Association

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