

## Mp3 Donal Hinely - Giants



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Skirting the outer fringes of country, folk, and roots rock, this Texas singer/songwriter makes both intelligent and infectious music. 12 MP3 Songs ROCK: Americana, FOLK: Modern Folk Details: "10 out of 10! What a revelation...one of the best albums of the year" --Americana UK "One of the best albums I've heard this year...I can't recommend it highly enough to lovers of pure, organic music" --Playing Out Loud Building on the critical success of 2003's *We Built a Fire*, songwriter Donal Hinely returns with the timely and provocative *Giants*, a stirring new album driven by memorable images and well-crafted songs. Like recent offerings by Todd Snider and Steve Earle, Hinely strives to reach beyond politics and unlock the common human experience. From the acoustic folk of the title track to the roots rock of "Before Music was a Product" to the raw country of "Blue Ink," *Giants* is a journey that resonates with both head and heart. Nashville producer/cellist David Henry (Josh Rouse, Cowboy Junkies, Vienna Teng) ties together this diverse mix of songs with his lush, trademark sound and guitarist Will Kimbrough (Rodney Crowell, Todd Snider) adds tasteful accompaniment, showing why he continues to be one of the most sought after session men in the country. Hinely is also a noted practitioner of the glass harmonica and plays a homemade set of 24 water-tuned wine glasses and brandy snifters. He picked up the instrument when his older brother Terry--a master of the rare art and long time musical partner--was killed by a reckless driver in Dallas. Track 5, "The Shakes," provides a musically unique moment as the glasses accompany ukulele, cello, and drums. Hinely left his hometown of Denton, Texas for Nashville in 1994 and has since garnered recognition in the songwriting community for his original perspective and honest performances. The Indie Acoustic Project honored *We Built a Fire* alongside Rodney Crowell's *Houston Kid* and Kate Campbell's *Monuments* as the best Americana album of the year in 2003. The CD features a stellar lineup including Kim Richey, Mindy Smith, Will Kimbrough, and members of Wilco, the Edwin McCain

Band, and Hayseed Dixie. Hinely has gained experience in the streets and pubs of the world, once taking his guitar and a one-way ticket to Australia and working his way back home through Asia and the capitals of Europe. Now more commonly he takes his music to festivals, special events, and the Bluebird Cafe stage in Nashville, Tennessee.

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