

Mp3 Eric Merrill - The Western Star



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Irish music from America. Elements of Old-Time and Country music permeate this moody record of vocal and instrumental music. 12 MP3 Songs WORLD: Celtic, COUNTRY: Country Folk Details: The Western Star combines my deep love of traditional music of Ireland and Appalachia with a respect for elements of modern country music. I have been performing around the world for years with various traditional ensembles. I recorded The Western Star using fiddles and violas I built. I was helped by a number of great and generous musicians. John Herrman (banjo), John Doyle (guitar), Matt Heaton (guitar and electric guitar), Ted Davis (guitar), John Whelan (accordion), Corey DiMario (bass), Rachel Loy (bass), Danny Noveck (electric guitar), Kristin Andreassen (harmony vocals), Brian Hanlon (bodran), Damon Addleman (drums). I hope you enjoy it. Please give it a listen. "The Western Star is trailblazing. This is what new music is all about." -Matt Smith, Club Passim "Eric brings us into the fold with exquisite fiddling and resonant vocals. He's clearly listened to and absorbed the greats of his chosen traditions, but one senses that he was never an imitator. There's a rare combination of poignancy and fire in his music that cannot be learned." -Dirk Powell "A terrific old-timey player and also a terrific traditional Irish musician. When he plays each of the styles you would swear that's the style he specializes in, so good is he at both." -Brian O'Donovan, WGBH A Celtic Sojourn "This is a highly personal and joyful debut by a fiddler we on the west side of the pond recognise as a rising 'star' in the Irish music scene. Eric brings Kerry and Old Time Music lovingly together in a relaxed yet energetic way. His singing and song arrangements are an added plus on an album fiddle lovers and tune lovers will want. Congrats, Eric!" -Liz Carroll

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