## **Mp3 David Thom Band - Plays Bluegrass**



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Bay area's best traditional bluegrass band, DT is a member of the Grisman Experience.... 16 MP3 Songs COUNTRY: Bluegrass, FOLK: Traditional Folk Details: The David Thom Band is one of the best traditional-style bluegrass bands in California. Their appearances at the Fall Strawberry music festival (2001), with the Del McCoury Band at the Great American Music Hall in San Francisco (2002), and as the Saturday night headline act at the Good Old Fashioned Festival (2002) have confirmed the band's popularity on the bluegrass scene. DT is also a member of the David Grisman Bluegrass Experience. The DTB is a band that plays bluegrass the old-fashioned way: There are no instrument amps or monitors (a sound person's dream), and the band members sing into a single microphone. This approach creates a tight, classic sound at every performance, and also provides the audience a great stage-show as the band moves around the single mic to create the harmony blend. The band showcases the standard repertoire of bluegrass songs, and also features excellent original songs, as heard on their latest release 'Plays Bluegrass' from Swollen Records (SW-95070). The band's leader and front man, David Thom, is the obvious centerpiece. A solid lead vocalist, Thom is an experienced showman as well as co-guitarist for the David Grisman Bluegrass Experience. One of the few lead guitar players in traditional bluegrass, he is a real crowd-pleaser when he plays a solo at the single mic with his guitar hoisted high. On five-string banjo is Andy Shaw, a real southerner whose driving banjo style gets to the heart of the music. Andy helps out on a lot of the vocals, including the high tenor. Mandolinist Jon Mask puts the backbeat into the DTB's driving sound. His rock-solid rhythm, flashy breakneck solos, and authentic country vocals enhance the sound of the group. The upright bass anchors a bluegrass band, and Randy Bush handles this job and shares the emcee role in the band. Randy has been playing with the DTB since April of 2002, and his steady beat, and baritone singing have been a welcome addition to the group. "The DTB is a

group of young, talented Marin County musicians who play traditional and contemporary bluegrass music with the right attitude...I heartily recommend that you check them out." - David "Dawg" Grisman, Mandolinist and Producer, Acoustic Disc ------ The David Thom Band plays hard-driving bluegrass, steeped in the tradition while tempered by contemporary sensibilities. - Peter Thompson, Producer/Host, "Bluegrass Signal", KALW 91.7 FM, San Francisco

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