

Marvin & Gentry

Songs From Gholson Road

Every young musician has someone they look up to. For most, that established artist becomes a mentor through a recording on an album or an image on the television. So for Ken Marvin and Brian Gentry, having the chance to work with a hero from their youth for more than two decades still seems surreal.

“We both loved America from the time they first released Homecoming,” said Ken Marvin. “To this day, when I’m working out harmonies, I still try to channel America, Crosby, Stills & Nash or Art Garfunkel.”

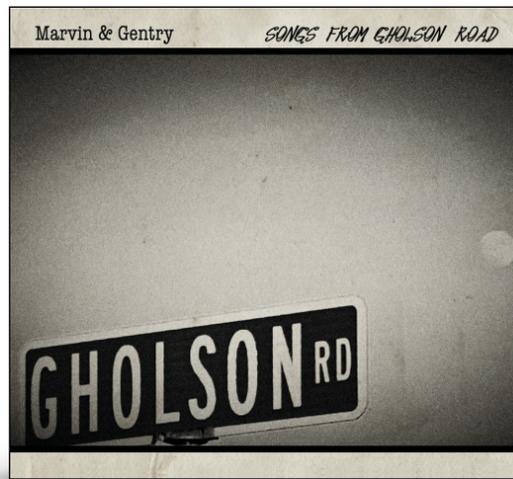
“Somehow, along the way, we formed a close relationship with Dan Peek, who was a founding member of America,” continues Gentry. “Dan had already left America and was a successful solo artist in the Christian market. He had recorded a couple of our songs (one of which went on to make his Greatest Hits Collection). He liked what we did, and we ended up working with him until his untimely death in 2011.”

Under the band name, *Peace*, Marvin and Gentry recorded and released three albums working with Peek.

So it’s no surprise that the duo’s new album, **Songs from Gholson Road**, is an extension of where they left off when Peek unexpectedly died in 2011. The same rich harmonies and smooth vocals associated with America (and bands like The Thorns, The Jayhawks, CSN&Y and The Beatles) anchor songs like “Pieces of Julie,” “Wishful Thinking” and “Take Me There.”

“This is the culmination of years of work that we put down,” said Gentry. “For us, **Songs from Gholson Road** is our way of being the torchbearers of his legacy. He invested his friendship and time and talent in us. In his very last interview he was quoted as saying ‘these dudes deserve to be heard.’ He believed in us.

“Dan was more than a musical influence and collaborator,” Gentry continued. “He was a great



friend. He was there for us through many ups and downs. We worked actively with him up through the early 2000s. It was a magical time for us.

“Since his death we have been going through the archives, thanks to Catherine (his widow), and have been entertaining the idea of someday releasing a **Best of Peace** compilation. For now, we just finished remixing a single called PEACE ‘Right

Now,’ which is available as a free download at marvinandgentry.com. It features Paul Winkler on drums and some additional backing vocals. Chris Brush engineered and mixed the single here in Nashville 2018.”

The West Kentucky duo of Marvin and Gentry, first began working with one another as students in high school. Gentry wanted to be part of Marvin’s band, and the more established Marvin opened his door to the 16 year old trying to develop his craft.

“He was my sounding board and helped me hone my skills,” said Gentry. “Ken’s a couple of years older than me, and at first told me to keep my day job-ha! But we loved the same music and found common ground right away. We’ve been good friends forever.”

Since those early days, Marvin and Gentry have earned nominations for Best Group/Duo at the 2015 11th Annual International Acoustic Music Awards (IAMA), for their song “Wishful Thinking.” In addition to the award, the song is featured on a compilation CD with the other winners distributed to Sirius XM and other radio stations and web networks.

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