

DRIVE TAILLER



HOMEGROWN
MUSIC, SPICED
TO TASTE!

MUSIC THAT JUST MAKES YOU FEEL GOOD.

Dave Miller and Rocktown Revival play with a joy that fills the room. That's because they deeply love the roots of American music and the countless folk, country, and bluegrass artists and songwriters who have painted a complex, diverse portrait of this nation. You will hear songs from the roots of country and folk rock, foundational Americana, driving banjo-fueled bluegrass, and a few surprises. You will also hear the carefully crafted, clever, heartfelt original songs of songwriter Dave Miller.

SPEAKING OF HISTORY

For five decades, Dave Miller has played in taverns, dance halls, concert venues, living rooms, festivals, creek banks, parking lots, galleries, showcases, and coffee houses from coast to coast and in British Columbia. He began playing at age 13 when his mother bought him a 5 string banjo for Christmas the year his father passed away. He would tune it up and play along with the Country and Bluegrass stars who performed on the Saturday afternoon music shows. He'll sometimes joke that it was the great Earl Scruggs himself who taught him to play the banjo - Dave sitting on his sofa in Arkansas, Earl in the TV studio in Nashville.



Dave and some friends formed a bluegrass trio that played in his home town of Little Rock, Arkansas and subsequently moved to Santa Fe in 1976. The influences of the swing and two-stepping dance crowds and the great bands of the area that could pack the dance floor, left a lasting impression on him.

Dave's legendary band, Gumbo, was an extremely popular circuit band in Colorado, New Mexico, Texas and Arkansas, but played venues from Myrtle Beach, SC to Ft. Nelson , British Columbia and all points in between, drawing big, enthusiastic crowds wherever they went and performed as open act such performers as Brenda Lee, Jerry Jeff Walker, and Michael Martin Murphey . The band eventually moved to Alamosa , Colorado and became a foundational piece of the vibrant and unique music scene that is still playing, creating, and recording a unique brand of Americana in Colorado and Northern



New Mexico. It was at there that Dave met Don Richmond, a fellow picker, writer, and performer who is now the Owner and Producer for Howlin' Dog Studios where Dave goes to record his original music. Don recently said of Dave's music, "Dave has a unique combination of light-hearted humor, depth of feeling, meaning, and emotion, and breadth of expression - from down-home honky-tonk country to Ozark bluegrass to driving rockabilly to swampy Levon-esque funk, all delivered with a twinkle and a smile. It makes me feel good, and glad to be alive - and how could you ask for more than that?"

FAST FORWARD TO NOW

The latest project is a new CD with 12 of Dave's original songs entitled Southern Dreams recorded at Howlin' Dog and released in October of 2017. As Dave describes this collection of track in the liner notes, "The songs you will find here are flavored with the spices, woven with the textures, and animated with the images that remind me of growing up, working, traveling, living, singing and dreaming in the South and Southwest regions of our beautiful country. I hope these tunes take you down a path through some of your own dreams and experiences, make you tap our toes, grin a little bit and sing along."

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT DAVE MILLER'S MUSIC

Peter Read, Nightflying.com

(About the Southern Dreams CD)

"This CD arrived out of nowhere, and it has been a favorite of this office ever since. It basically is relaxed sweet country music, delivered by the humble voice of Dave Miller.

"The musicians are all experts in their fields, including Don Richmond on acoustic guitar, fiddle, mandolin, pedal steel, organ, mandolin and dobro; Rob Bosdorf, electric guitar and vocal harmonies; Charley Johnson, bass, and Jim Turnbull on drums.

"If I had to pick a favorite, it would have to be Counting on Love , obviously written for his true love partner. It's difficult to pick a favorite, though, because this record is a collection of fine songs. It is, correctly, a fine collection of tunes, which any good album should be."

Don Richmond, owner of Howling Dog Records

"Dave Miller has returned to music with a splash, with this solo offering featuring his twinkling wit and warm insights into life and love. Dave has traveled the North American continent, enchanting and entertaining audiences everywhere with his ready wit and warm expression of a kind of Ozark-bred joy and wonder. He spent a few decades achieving great success in business and personal development, but the music never left, as is usually the case when it comes from the heart and soul."

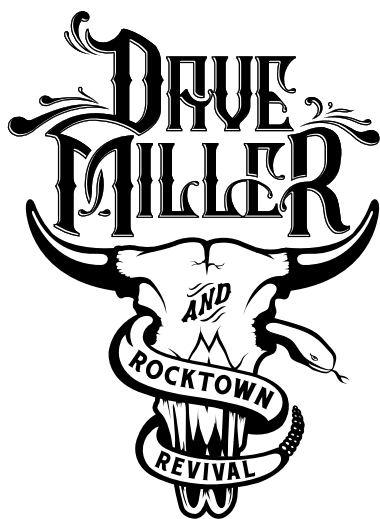
"He's been saving it up, and fortunately for all his listeners and fans, it's all coming out, both with his previous release of "Just Flow", his heartfelt tribute to his dear friend and bandmate Pat Hooper, and in this solo release (Southern Dreams), which I co-produced. It has the blend, width and depth that his fans love, and more -- featuring both an acoustic back porch vibe and driving electric guitars."



DAVE AND ROCKTOWN REVIVAL

Dave's current band, Rocktown Revival, includes veterans Frank Cox on guitar, Leslie McBryde on vocals, Bill Thurmon on fiddle, Bill McCumber on bass and B.J. Davis on drums. Their 40+ year careers (much of it playing together) include forays into blues, rock, country and rockabilly – even some jazz thrown in.

Together, they weave together the fabric of Dave's music, along with some carefully chosen cover tunes written by other great artists. Listeners should come prepared to enjoy open-hearted love songs and wry observations of southern culture, tap their toes, dance, and most important, to witness that twinkle in the eye that everyone who ever saw Dave perform will remember.



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