

# Mp3 Charles Wood - Banjology

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Banjo instrumental music from two time national banjo champion Charles Wood. 13 MP3 Songs in this album (48:23) ! Related styles: COUNTRY: Bluegrass, FOLK: Traditional Folk People who are interested in Bla Fleck Earl Scruggs Scott Vestal should consider this download. Details: A piano player since age 5, Charles Wood switched his focus to the banjo after listening to Flatt and Scruggs and receiving a banjo for his 15th birthday. After learning every banjo tune note for note on Flatt and Scruggs' classic recording Foggy Mountain Banjo Charles began to study under renowned South Carolina veteran banjo player Al Osteen. At age 18 he began playing with ex-Bill Monroe sideman Curtis Blackwell and his band The Dixie Bluegrass Boys. With them he toured extensively throughout the eastern US performing at Bluegrass festivals. It was during this time that Charles began listening to a wide array of banjo players and other musicians as well. His style of playing encompasses musical genres from traditional Bluegrass to Classical. Charles maintains many banjo students in upstate South Carolina and western NC. Charles has won first place in such distinguished contests as the 2007 Osippee Valley Maine Contest, 2005 Rockygrass Banjo Contest in Lyons, Colorado, the 2004 SC Renofest State Banjo Contest, the 1998 Merlefest Banjo Contest in Wilkesboro, North Carolina and in 2006 and 1999 the prestigious Winfield National Banjo Contest in Winfield, Kansas. Charles Wood currently performs with several bands including Curtis Blackwell And The Dixie Bluegrass Boys, The Wild Hog Band, The Lonesome Road Band, and Doug McCormick and Southern State Of Mind. Recent venues include The Late Show With David Letterman, A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor, a two week tour in Austria (August '07) with The Lonesome Road Band, performances at The Biltmore Estate in Asheville NC, Brevard NC Music Center, The Brooks Center at Clemson University, various regional and national Bluegrass festivals, and opening for a rare appearance of Tony Rice and John Carlini. Charles was recently invited by the actor Steve Martin, an accomplished banjo player himself, to perform with him and Earl Scruggs, Pete Wernick, and Tony Ellis at the 2005 New Yorker Festival in New York City. With this group he made an appearance on The Late Show With David Letterman. Charles has five cds entitled Somewhere Over The Banjo, a Christmas CD Banjo Noel, Tour de Banjo, Halo Over The Banjo, and Banjology . These

CDs encompass many styles of playing and show the versatility of the 5-String banjo. Charles' future plans are to produce more CDs and expose banjo music to as many people as possible. Charles Wood captivates audiences and achieves what few banjo players today do- a purely unique, versatile, eclectic sound. He is a musician with both the personality and vitality to capture the attention and praise of even the most elite audience. With every performance he seizes the devotion of new fans and rises above the expectations of his old ones. He is a musician whose music will endure.

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