

Mp3 Stefan George - Songs From The Loser's Bar

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Details: Stefan began playing guitar at age eleven. Inspired by legends like Doc Watson, Mississippi John Hurt, and Brownie McGhee, he eventually studied with John Jackson, Steve James, and Del Ray. He made his stage debut at thirteen performing at Green Haven State Prison in upstate New York. At nineteen he hitchhiked around Europe playing cafes and pubs and had a house band gig in Turkey in a Vegas style night club backing a sword dancer. He left NY in the early 70's and played in San Francisco before settling in Tucson, Arizona. He founded a dance crazed World Beat, R&B band: "Brain Damage Orchestra" with partner Lavinia White in 1983, that broke club attendance records around the South West for ten years. He then began dedicating himself to honing his acoustic guitar, songwriting, and slide guitar playing skills in earnest. Since then he's been a finalist in the Telluride Troubadour, the Kerrville New Folk, the Music City, and the Just Plain Folks songwriting competitions. He's won TAMMIE Awards (Tucson Area Music Awards) for Solo Artist, Acoustic Guitar, Songwriter, and Acoustic Ensemble and has been inducted into The Tucson Musicians Hall of Fame and The Arizona Blues Hall of Fame. He's opened for and/or performed with a plethora of music greats such as: James Cotton, Mose Allison, Dave Van Ronk, Pete Seeger, Guy Davis, Norman Blake, Taj Mahal, Junior Lockwood, Honey Boy Edwards, Rory Block, Leftover Salmon, Ray Wylie Hubbard, Loudon Wainwright III, Little Feat, Elvin Bishop, and many others. Recent performance highlights include a solo tour of Germany, two tours with his blues trio "The Conrads" in Germany as well, a National Public Radio concert in Honolulu, featured artist on the internationally syndicated radio show "Beale Street Caravan", the SXSW music conference in Austin, Texas, host and performer at The Kerrville Folk Festival's "Blues Project", The Telluride Blues and Brews Festival, The Mammoth Lakes Bluesapalooza in California, The Silver City Blues Fest in New Mexico, The Lawton International Festival in Oklahoma, The Leverkusen Jazz Fest and The Verdener Blues Tage in Germany, and many, many other great club and festival shows in eight countries and two continents. Stefan is a prolific and committed recording and songwriting artist with more than ten CD's of original blues and folk music to his credit in the last twelve years. Here's what reviewers have to say: "His well

crafted songs demonstrate lyrical sophistication forged with the wisdom that comes with age...and there's plenty of fine playing" (Blues Revue Magazine) "George is a sagacious poet as well as an accomplished musician. His voice has the kind of versatility to move effortlessly from tender ballads to funky gritty blues." (Silver City Daily, NM) "Stefan has a pleasing way of putting words together and these are among his best...this is an album I put on when friends come over." (Audio File) "A voice etched in Greg Brown midwestern Bohemia, carries George's truck stop melodies into the "Long Night" of an enchanted after-hours Tucson...a daring, offbeat CD." (Dirty Linen) "In George's songs we find rich observations on love and life and its tribulations. His is the voice of the common man finding beauty through song, not unlike John Prine's...one of the finest local album releases of the year." (Arizona Daily Star) "Stefan is a gifted songwriter and the baddest-assed lap steel player I've ever known...a truly great undiscovered Tucson musician." (New Times, Phoenix) "Singer songwriter fans who appreciate an occasionally skewed perspective and a country lyrical flavor will enjoy this CD. (Living Blues Magazine) The latest CD: "Songs From the Loser's Bar" is a great collection of recent original material based on the concept of taverns and the people who live in them. You may find Stefan's other recorded music on the Blue Bhikku label also available on this website. A warm, expressive, and dynamic performer, Stefan is known by those that hear him as a top notch guitar picker, a thoughtful, lyrical songwriter and a uniquely gifted slide guitarist.

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