

# **Matthew Alexander**

In his seventh full length album, independent artist Matthew Alexander offers his most intimate work - *SOUL RIVER* - 19 songs that showcase his unique guitar style, expressive voice and powerful melodic sensibility.

Raised in Manhattan by his composer father and poet mother, Alexander took lessons in acoustic style guitar from the late Artie Traum. He was discovered at age 16 by Tin Pan Alley songwriter Lou Stallman who published and pitched his first twelve compositions. Alexander was a headliner at several folk clubs in the late sixties before touring with the group *Moonshine*. He began his solo career in 1984 and has been compared to such luminaries as: John Hiatt, Mark Knopfler, James Taylor and Paul Simon. He performs frequently to sold out audiences in the Southeast.

Produced by Fred Story, Soul River, has a crisp, spacious, acoustic feel akin to Norah Jones' first album Come Away with Me. The title track, as well as songs like "Forever Eyes", "The Poet's Soul" and "Days of Old San Juan", reveal a deep emotional core. Two duets with New Hampshire singer-songwriter Click Horning, "Steel Rail Blues" and "I'm A Missin' You", are vintage folk classics. Several instrumental tracks -- "When All the Sand Castles Fall" and "Twilight Dream" -- make powerful melodic statements while songs such as "Right to Be Wrong", "Couple of Hats Boogie" and "Dodgeball" feature his accomplished Travis style guitar picking. Alexander's remake of the 1961 hit "A Hundred Pounds of Clay" and the Bob Dylan classic "Buckets of Rain" showcase his ability to re-interpret vintage songs in his own style. Alexander's music can be heard on Pandora at Matthew Alexander Radio and all other digital platforms.

### **What Others Are Saying:**

"Alexander's CD offers the breath of fresh air we often search for in our record collections but rarely find"

### **Mark Price, Charlotte Observer**

"Poignant and prolific"

#### **Debbie Jet, Rock Hill Herald**

"Crisp pop-folk, beautifully recorded...this CD put me through changes....direct and honest with attractive melodies"

### John Grooms, Creative Loafing

"...captivating songwriting and timeless evocative singing" **All About Jazz** 

### **Performance Highlights**

Live Intl. Streaming CD Release Party 11/7/2020, 7 pm



#### **Album Facts**

Including digital distribution across all major platforms

Album Release Date: October 27, 2020

## **Suggested Tracks**

#### **Track Listing:**

- 1. A Hundred Pounds of Clay 03:08
- 2. Talking To The Wind 03:14
- 3. Buckets of Rain 03:05
- 4. I'm A Missin' You 03:06
- 5. Dodgeball 01:43
- 6. Angel Without Paradise 03:19
- 7. Go 02:31
- 8. Forever Eyes 03:05
- 9. In This Together 03:10
- 10. Days Of Old San Juan 02:24



- 11. Twilight Dream 03:45
- 12. Right To Be Wrong 04:27 13. Couple of Hats Boogie 02:57
- 14. Sembalina Kumbalina 02:50
- 15. Steel Rail Blues 03:24
- 16. When All The Sandcastles Fall 03:36
- 17. The Poet's Soul 02:52
- 18. You're Not The Only One 04:10
- 19. Soul River 03:30



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