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Toulousology

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You might not hear Toulouse Engelhardt spoken amongst such great names of finger style folk guitar as John Fahey, Leo Kottke, Robbie Basho, Max Ochs and Bukka White. But that should all change with the release of *Toulousology*, a 17-track collection that offers a definitive look at the Wisconsin-born musician's key role as the last member of the Takoma Seven, the aforementioned posse of string masters who recorded for Fahey's influential record label during the years 1959 to 1976.

Engelhardt's penchant for incorporating elements of The Sentinels and The Ventures into his style of American Primitivism, which took root during his first guitar lesson from jazz legend Larry Carlton who taught him how to replicate "Walk Don't Run", earned him the handle "The Segovia of Surf" in reference to famed Spanish classical guitar virtuoso Andrés Segovia. It was a direction that gave him a unique sense of individuality which set him apart from his peers in the

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Seven, and can be clearly heard across this great compilation that covers the years 1976 to 2009 and cherry picks from such acclaimed titles as his debut album *Toulousions* ("Fire in O'Doodlee's Popcorn Factory" and the brilliant riff on the Nathaniel Hawthorne story "Young Goodman Brown Joined the Confederacy Today") and his outstanding reinvention of Jimi Hendrix's "Third Stone from the Sun" from *A Child's Guide to Einstein*, his 2004 collaboration with Nigerian percussionist Remi Kabaka. And as you listen to *Toulousology*, all you can do is wonder why this man isn't more revered in realms beyond the elite ranks of Martin and Piedmont geeks who try to emulate his style at the local Sam Ash.

If you are in the market of furthering your education on the Takoma school of acoustic alchemy, you have nothing to lose in checking out Toulouse Engelhardt.

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