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Engerhardt, Toulouse: Toulousology- Definitive Guitar Soli 1976-2009

Under this quite 70- ish looking cover art are found a nice series of mostly acoustic tunes that were written by Mr. Engelhardt except for a few. One of them being a Jimi Hendrix cover called: "Third Stone from the Sun".



This compilation is an entirely instrumental body of music and the accent is highly on the acoustic guitar instruments. Toulouse uses mainly a twelve strings with occasional classical guitar. He is more than competent with both and his mastery of the strings is undeniable. I must say though that during the very fast parts, the clarity and note separation is suffering somewhat. It might get on the nerves of those fanatics that requires clarity and details or the ones trying to learn those parts (good luck by the way), but for the majority of us, it is just a minor annoyance. The majority of this work is done by finger-picking, adding to the complexity and harmonies being composed for our listening pleasure of course. What makes this compilation even more enjoyable is the variety of styles being offered. You can hear some country tunes, classical ones, more experimental moments as well as an ambient track. "Pressed Ham" is being played on electric (Strat maybe) axe and is some kind of a comical country number. Opening (and closing) track is a very fast number showing how talented this musician is; especially the closing being a live version of the opener. "Blind Watchmaker" is highly reminiscent to something ELP would have written and contains a classical feel. More classical tones can be heard on: "Xel-Ha...Where the Waters are Born", "Melting Stars...Breathing Heavens" and "Air to the Quiver of Angel Wings". You can feel some Zeppelin inspiration on "Revelations at Lunada Bay"; while "Toullusions of Anji" has a definite bluesy vibe.

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you can always discover a new (to our ears) talent and this gentleman by the name of Toulouse Engerhardt is surely one of them.

Track listing:

- 1- Fire in O'Doodlee's Popcorn Factory
- 2- Blind Watchmaker
- 3- Revelation at Lunada Bay
- 4- "Toullousions" of Anjil
- 5- Young Goodman Brown joined the Confederacy Today
- 6- Xel-Ha...Where the Waters are Born"
- 7- Let the River Answer
- 8- Deep River
- 9- Pressed Ham
- 10- Beavers in a Hot Tub!
- 11- Autopia
- 12- Melting Stars...Breathing Heavens
- 13- Albert's Gyroscope
- 14- Air to the Quiver of Angel Wings
- 15- Third Stone from the Sun
- 16- Lavender Ascension
- 17- Fire in O'Doodlee's Popcorn Factory live

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