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WOODSTOCK RECORDS - Back in 2009 Woodstock Records—actually based up in Woodstock N.Y.—released an excellent comeback album from New Riders Of The Purple Sage called Where I Come From. Now in 2010, Woodstock Records have a new album release out called Songs Of The Grateful Dead: A Tribute To Jerry Garcia & Robert Hunter by singer-songwriter Jesse McReynolds & Friends. Those friends include New Riders guitarist David Nelson and studio guitar ace Stu Allen. Reviving 13 classics from the songbook of The Grateful Dead, specifically songs penned by Garcia and Hunter, McReynolds and company strike a musical nerve that really gets to the gist of why the Dead are considered an American treasury of great songs. Renowned for his work with Jim & Jesse, McReynolds is a Grand Ole Opry member for 45 years and his knowledge and expertise in delivering the Grateful Dead classics is really something to behold. In his liner notes, Dead lyricist Robert Hunter adds, 'Jesse's singing is like a long lost brother voice between Jerry Garcia and David Nelson. The singing is stead and strong. Jerry would approve, I'm certain.' In addition to the cross section of Dead classics—including favorites like "Ripple", "Fire On The Mountain" and Garcia's '72 solo jewel "Deal"—there's also a bonus cut, a new original song called "Day By Day" penned by Jesse and Robert Hunter. Compared to the psychedelic vibe of the early Grateful Dead, Songs Of The Grateful Dead is a more more relaxed, with a near country rock vibe and will appeal to New Riders fans as well as Grateful Dead albums like American Beauty, which is really the prototype for this blend of country-rock magic. A number of like-minded musicians back up McReynolds, Nelson, Allen and company, while excellent packaging and artwork topped off by freshly penned liner notes from McReynolds and Aaron "Professor Louie" Hurwitz (of Crowmatix fame) seals the deal on this appealing and highly listenable tribute to the timeless magic of the much missed Jerry Garcia and The Grateful Dead. www.WoodstockRecords.com