



## **SPIN OF THE WEEK**

### **Songs of the Grateful Dead** (Woodstock Records)

*Jesse McReynolds & Friends*

The Grateful Dead often tasted cool country waters, so it feels natural that veteran Grand Ole Opry member Jesse McReynolds (of Jim and Jesse) has crafted this heartfelt tribute to guitarist Jerry Garcia and lyricist Robert Hunter. The 13 acoustic tracks include "Black Muddy River," "Ripple," "The Wheel," "Stella Blue" and "Fire on the Mountain." David Nelson of the New Riders of the Purple Sage and Stu Allen of the JG Band are special guests. It's a generous portion of country comfort.

- Greg Cahill