



Mike Aiken
- *Wayward Troubadour* -

Western New York native Mike Aiken has released a new album titled *Wayward Troubadour* an eleven song collection rich in Americana/roots music. Aiken defines the word wanderlust. As a child he ran away from home to play music, became a US Coast Guard Captain, sailed his own sailboat across the Atlantic and has traveled many more miles on the road performing his music in North America and Europe. His songs express a weariness, truth and vision that no one but someone who has seen it all can convey. Aiken who handles vocals and guitars wrote or co wrote eight of the tracks and is assisted by wife Amy Aiken on assorted percussion and vocals, Tom Hurst on drums, David Roe on bass, Michael Webb on Hammond B3, Ben Probus on Fiddle, Skip Derupa plays jaw harp while Tim Buppert and Chris P. James add their vocal talents. Founding member of The Outlaws Henry Paul on vocals and mandolin and longtime Marty Stuart guitar ace Kenny Vaughn add their mellifluous talents as well. Highlights include the upbeat opener "Everything Changed", "Travelin' Bone", "Real Mean Dog" and "Penelope". A few other tracks shine as well "Two Lane Highway", "Hard Working Working Girl" a tale of desperation about doing what it takes to get by, "A Little Lazy in Your Life" a life lesson that it's okay to just take it easy sometimes and a sweet duet with his wife Amy on "Chesapeake". Aiken's new album *Wayward Traveler* truly epitomizes the term "traveling music". For more information on Western New York native Mike Aiken and his stellar new album *Wayward Traveler* visit www.mikeaikenmusic.com or www.facebook.com/MikeAiken
