

SHORT BIO for Thad Beckman

From the David Letterman Show, Levon Helm's Midnight Ramble, The Kerrville Folk Festival, The Waterfront Blues Festival and countless other festivals, theaters and clubs across The USA, Canada and Europe Thad Beckman has been entertaining audiences with what **John T. Davis of *The Austin American Statesman*** called "a voice that rasps like shoe leather on roadside gravel, and a finger-picked guitar on which notes fly by like railroad ties under a fast moving freight."

As a songwriter he has written and produced seven solo albums. His latest CD, *Streets of Disaster*, received critical acclaim from **Jerry Garcia biographer and *Acoustic Guitar Magazine* music reviewer Blair Jackson**: "Beckman has released a knockout of an album with lots of stylistic variety. This is powerful stuff, beautifully performed and exquisitely produced. Quite a find!" and **Tom Russell**: "one of America's best guitar players and a damn good songwriter."

As a guitarist Beckman has backed up **Tom Russell, Bo Diddley, The Shirelles** and has opened for **B.B. King, Emmy Lou Harris, The Band, Dan Hicks** and many, many more.

When not out on the road he splits his time writing, recording, producing and teaching. For more info, song samples and videos go to **www.thadbeckman.com**.