

# Rick Shea & The Losin 'End, The Town Where I Live



Rick Shea (San Bernardino, California, 1953) has at 64 a huge track record. He can be heard as a sideman on a large number of CD's of colleagues, played with Katy Moffatt and was a member of Dave Alvin's band 'The Guilty Men' for 6 years, with whom he visited Europe. After 'Sweet Bernadine' in 2013, at that time judged by me in our cafe 'The Town Where I Live' is his tenth solo CD since 1995.

Just like the well-known predecessor, Shea comes up with an excellent Americana CD with an infectious mix of country, rock, folk, bluesy pop ('Sweet Little Mama') and gospel ('Trouble Like This'). Shea performs the lead vocals, plays guitars, pedal steel, mandolin and dobro.

His band, 'The Losin' End', consists of Stephen Patt (el guitar, acoustic bass, Hammond B3, accordion, baritone guitar and harmony vocals), Dave Hall (electric bass, harmony vocals) and Steve Mugalian (drums, percussion). Occasionally there is more help on vocals and in a song on drums. Nine out of 10 songs are from Shea itself, number ten is a wonderful cover of Jack Clement's 'Guess Things Happen That Way'.

Also this new one from Rick Shea is a great CD with another proof of the excellent songwriting of the man. Listen to the jewels 'Goodbye Alberta', 'Trouble Like This', '(You're Gonna Miss Me) When I'm Gone' and 'The Angel Mary And The Rounder Jim'. For the real Americana enthusiast a must! (Tres Pescadores Records TPCD-11)

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