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A graduate of one of the nation's premier music schools, the University of North Texas, guitarist Pete McCann now teaches at both The New School and City College in New York City – that is, when he isn't busy as a first-call sideman in the Big Apple. With recording credits that stretch from vocalist Curtis Stigers to Jim Cifelli's New York Nonet to tribute act the Mahavishnu Project, McCann has only released three CDs as a leader. But the latest, *Most Folks* (Omnitone), shows the Wisconsin native's open-mindedness. On both electric and acoustic guitars, the guitarist blends jazz, rock, and Latin music influences with saxophonist John O'Gallagher, bassist John Hebert, drummer Mark Ferber, and pianist Mike Holober.