

# DAKOTA BLONDE

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“Soulful, delicate, powerful, insightful... all that and more,” are the words Michael Johnson (International recording artist/song-writer) uses to describe Dakota Blonde. “Highly addictive & absolutely contagious” is how their loyal & captivated audiences describe them! Any way you put it, Dakota Blonde, made up of Mary Huckins, Don Pinnella & Tony Raddell have certainly played and sung their way into countless hearts & souls around the globe! They met through their careers in Music Therapy, working with children and adolescents who are emotionally troubled.

Therapy... yes... they have a special knack for including audiences in their music and finding the heart strings that music plays in all of us. This special capacity for empathy could explain the titanium bond the band quickly forms with their audiences. “Wonderful souls on and off the stage!” Performing originals and covers with their unique blend of heart, humor, authenticity and spirit, Dakota Blonde has had overwhelming success with all of their CD releases! ... and they just keep ‘em coming! The group has received top honors for their song-writing, CD projects and performances across the country, and even internationally. You certainly won’t want to miss the opportunity to become a Blonde-Head!

## Available Dakota Blonde Recordings

- ‘Til They Fade*** – Wind Over Dakota Records ©1997
- Something Simple*** – Wind Over Dakota Records ©2000
- South Dakota Afternoon*** – Wind Over Dakota Records ©2003
- Blonde Highlights “Live”*** - Wind Over Dakota Records ©2008
- By Heart “Live”*** – Mary Huckins with Pete Huttlinger ©2012
- The Love We Build*** – Wind Over Dakota Records ©2013

“There are not many writers whose music and presentation moves me these days... then there’s Dakota Blonde. A group performing well written songs and singing them with heart & soul.”

**-Pete Huttlinger, Instar Records, Nashville, TN**  
**John Denver’s guitar player / band leader**

“Sweetest acoustic sound around!”  
**-KCUV Radio, Denver, CO**

“Dakota Blonde with Mary Huckins’ distinctive voice is one of those discoveries people will get excited about!”  
**-John McEuen, The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band,**  
**The String Wizards**

“Honest, warm, comfortable, fun and utterly unique. Quite simply the best night of music we have ever experienced.”  
**-Barrett Mountain Music, Taylorsville, NC**

**Awards:** Winner in the Walnut Valley Festival New Song Showcase (Winfield, KS); Finalist in The Chris Austin Songwriting Contest, MerleFest (Wilkesboro, NC); Finalist in the Independent Record Label Awards; Winner in the International CD Design Contest

**Performed with:** John McEuen, Jonathan McEuen, Jimmy Ibbotson, Pete Huttlinger, Jim Horn, John Sommers, John Magnie (The Subdudes), Chuck Pyle, Tom Kimmel, Celeste Krenz, Acoustic Eidolon, Hazel Miller, Rebecca Folsom, Chris Daniels, Jon Chandler, Bob Sinclair, KC Groves (Uncle Earl), Wendy Woo, Liz Barnez, Megan Burt, John Erlandson, Michael Johnson...

**Opener for:** Nickel Creek, Nanci Griffith/Bruce Cockburn, Tony Furtado, Firefall, Tish Hinojosa, Tim O’Brien...

**Venues/Festivals:** Swallow Hill, Denver, CO; Red Rocks Amphitheater, Morrison, CO; Nissis, Lafayette, CO; Rocky Mountain Folks Fest, Lyons, CO; The Little Bear, Evergreen, CO; National Sports Center for the Disabled, Winter Park, CO; Walnut Valley Festival, Winfield, KS; Desert Ridge Market Place, Phoenix, AZ; Willow Tree Festival, Gordon, NE; America Soul Live Recording, Arvada, CO; The Ellie Caulkins Opera House, Denver, CO; Mt Rushmore Amphitheater, Black Hills, SD...

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