

## Bill Kirchen

**Grammy nominated** guitarist, singer and songwriter **Bill Kirchen** is one of the fortunate few who can step on any stage, play those trademark licks which drove the seminal **Commander Cody** classic **Hot Rod Lincoln** into the Top Ten nationwide, and elicit instant recognition. Named a "Titan of the Telecaster" by **Guitar Player Magazine**, he celebrates a musical tradition that embraces rock 'n' roll, blues and bluegrass, Texas Western swing and California honky-tonk. **Nick Lowe** describes Bill as "... a devastating culmination of the elegant and funky... a really sensational musician, with enormous depth."

**Bill** received his **Grammy** nomination in 2001. A winner of multiple **Wammies** over the years, in 2002 he was one of three artists inducted into the **Washington D.C. Area Music Association Hall of Fame** along with **Dave Grohl** (Nirvana, Foo Fighters) and **John Philip Sousa**.

**Bill** is an architect of what is now known as **Roots Rock 'n' Roll** and **Americana**, and still continues to be one of its most active proponents, playing, writing and performing throughout the world.

In demand on the lecture circuit, he has spoken at the **Smithsonian Institution** in Washington, DC as part of the "Electrified, Amplified and Deified - The Electric Guitar" exhibition and at **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute** in Troy, New York. He was interviewed on the national TV special "Yesterday and Today: Honky Tonk & Western Swing" at the **Broken Spoke in Austin, TX**, where he performed along with **Hank Thompson, Doug Sahm, Don Walser** and more. Bill was a keynote speaker at the International Conference on **Elvis Presley** in Memphis and currently finds time to lead workshops and instruct at **Jorma Kaukonen's Fur Peace Ranch** and the **Augusta Heritage Center**.

Justly famous for his indelible Telecaster sound, **Bill Kirchen** has been everywhere over the span of a 40-plus-year career: he was a founding member of the legendary **Commander Cody and his Lost Planet Airmen**; he released eight critically acclaimed solo albums; he toured internationally with **Nick Lowe** and has performed with **Doug Sahm, Gene Vincent, Elvis Costello, Dan Hicks, Emmylou Harris, Bruce Hornsby** and **Link Wray**.

Artist Website: [www.billkirchen.com](http://www.billkirchen.com)

Bill records for Red House Records, Proper Records and Proper American

## Notable Quotes:

**Johnny Cash:** "I think he's great ... You should hear him on the new [Nick Lowe] album."

**Rolling Stone:** "Opening night was particularly special due to the presence of Les Paul and Albert Lee, ... Bill Kirchen cranked up his Tele for a set that gave the crowd a hotfoot, sparked by his epic cover of (Hot Rod Lincoln). Danny Gatton Tribute, Tramps, New York, NY"

**Washington City Paper:** "Like an impassioned preacher in a souped-up convertible, Kirchen described passing Muddy Waters, Link Wray, Merle Haggard, B. B. King, Carl Perkins, Jimi Hendrix and more, nodding in tribute to each one with a perfect guitar quotation as he drove by. ... Bill Kirchen took everyone for the ride of their lives in his Hot Rod Lincoln."

**3rd Coast Music on King of Dieselbilly CD:** "...a knockout ... package of great tracks from one of the greatest guitar players of our time."

**Austin American-Statesman:** "Bill Kirchen rules. It's just that simple ... "