

Jim Stringer & the AM Band

Triskaidekaphilia



Artist Name: **Jim Stringer & The AM Band**

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The records may not come as quickly for *Jim Stringer* as they do for artists in the throw-away world of pop music. Like good food, it takes awhile to prepare. As the new CD's title suggests, this is just the thirteenth in a series that began in 1967 with a rare LP by his then band, *The Upside Dawne*, which has since become a garage-rock collector's gem. Of this fourth CD with Stringer's Austin, TX based **AM Band**, reviewer John Reiser writes:

"This sparkling collection of thirteen (of course!) new songs, is perhaps Stringer's most perfectly realized album yet in a string of stunning artistic successes..."

--John Reiser, *The Reiser Report*

The introductory instrumental track – now sort of a hallmark of Stringer's CD's – a cover of Duane Eddy's "**Rebel Rouser**", showcases the considerable instrumental prowess of the players. In addition, this track is an homage to Stringer's influences and incorporates thirteen (what else?) musical references. Hint: the first is Duane Eddy and the title song, itself! "**Here's the River**" is a clever story song dedicated to Stringer's late father with a Texas Hold 'Em poker theme. The powerful life reflection, "**Chevy Headed West**" (see insert) is a timely reminder of where we've come from, in this election year. In a perfect world, Stringer's countrified reworkings of the 60's *Jay and the American's* hit, "**Come a Little Bit Closer**", and Alex Harvey's "**Rings**" would be radio hits. (Don't hold your breath.) The CD concludes with an addition to the *dead- sweetheart* country music legacy. "**I Saw Them Together**" is a dark and tragic tale of domestic violence that ends with an ironic twist.

With the release of **Triskaidekaphilia**, Stringer continues to prove that modern country music doesn't have to sound like *Styx* in cowboy hats. This CD cuts new territory while sounding distinctly and traditionally country.

For more information, song lyrics, and news, see the web site, AUSTINMUSICBAND.COM.



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