

Album: Blue Skies
Artist: Brennen Ernst
Label: Patuxent

Brennen Ernst, the very talented young guitarist, has just released a new CD that demonstrates that a 17 year old can really pick. This album of 12 tunes also features other awesome instrumentalists and classic song titles.

The album contains 11 instrumentals and one vocal with Brennen and his guitar in the spotlight. Also present is the incredible fiddle of Casey Driscoll, Taylor Baker on Mandolin, Ralph Gordon- bass, Danny Knicely- guitar and mandolin and Anders Eliasson -drums. Tom Mindte guests on 3rd mandolin and does the albums one vocal on Isham Jones and Gus Kahn's *I'll See You in My Dreams*. Rusty Mason is heard on tenor sax on the pop standard *Tenderly* and Frank Loesser's *On a Slow Boat to China* from the big band of Kay Kyser. John Jensen's trombone is heard on Ray Noble's *Cherokee* from the big band of Charlie Barnett.

The album includes two from Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli, *Djangology* and the compilation *Minor Swing/Dark Eyes*. The album opens with the title song, Irving Berlin's *Blue Skies* and then goes on to another pop favorite *Ain't She Sweet?* Other pop standards are Hoagy Carmichael's *Lazy River* from the Mills Brothers and a magnificent version of *Alabama Bound*. Also included are Frank Maloy's *Arty Missy Candy Fishy Georgia Yancey Barntown Williams Rag* and a really hot version of Duke Ellington's *C Jam Blues*.

The album can be ordered right from the Patuxent web site, www.pxrec.com