

WILLIE SALOMON

(vocals, guitars, rack harmonica, piano)

“A truly authentic blues voice and premier picker and slide player, specialising in roots fingerstyle blues, gospel, boogie-woogie and ragtime”
(Living Blues, USA).

Few have the feeling and authentic command of the acoustic country blues idiom and more as the entertaining singer-songwriter and guitarist Willie Salomon. He is a master of the art of taking material to new places with his unique fingerpicking accented guitar approach and outstanding, haunting bottle-neck slide. He has been called a guitar wizard and his complex guitar playing has a beautifully distinctive touch and tone alongside natural and sincere vocals.

On vintage Gibson and National resonator guitars, rack harmonica and piano, Willie Salomon takes the audience on occasional excursions into jazz, calypso and country music, brilliantly demonstrating the close relationship between the genres. In addition to traditional blues originals, he also includes outstanding examples of fingerstyle guitar and ballad compositions, as well as an informative and entertaining commentary.

Willie Salomon, who was born in 1954 in Germany to a German mother and American father, has shared the stage with Alexis Korner, Champion Jack Dupree, Louisiana Red, Paul Geremia, John Long, Roger Hubbard, Little Willie Littlefield, Peter Finger, Ian Melrose & many more. His solo albums *Country Blues & More* (2005) and *Just In Time* (2007), received high acclaim internationally and his new album *Let Your Light Shine* has just been released in October 2010. All three albums were released on *Acoustic Music Records* (Osnabrück, Germany), probably the most important record label for acoustic music in Europe.

Recordings:

2010: CD *Let Your Light Shine* (Acoustic Music Records)

2007: CD *Just In Time* (Acoustic Music Records)

2004: CD *Country Blues & More* (Acoustic Music Records)

2001: CD *The Basement Sessions* (Kilger & Sax)

1998: CD *Country Blues From Munich* (Kilger & Sax) including 7 tracks with Willie Salomon

1981: vinyl LP *Moon Goin' Down* (Stasswender)

also appearing on:

2005: CD *Acoustic Guitar Highlights Vol. 6* (Acoustic Music Records)

2001: CD *A Folk Odyssey* (ProFolk)