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He Opened for Springsteen, Joel and Raitt

For most of his fifty year musical career, Charlotte based singer-songwriter Matthew Alexander has been in the “right place at the right time.” In the seventies, Alexander was co-leader of the group *Moonshine* who, by sheer happenstance, opened for Bruce Springsteen for five nights at Kenny’s Castaways in New York City while also auditioning for legendary songwriter Jerry Leiber. The year prior he opened for Billy Joel in Greenwich Village where Joel was premiering his first release *Cold Spring Harbor*. And at Harvard, Alexander hosted Bonnie Raitt at his yearly Songwriters’ Festival.

So what has he been doing since? Making CDs every five years: “I got the recording bug when I was in high school and have been at it ever since.” In terms of his current geographical locale, Alexander states: “I feel fortunate to have relocated to North Carolina in 1984 because it has such an incredible acoustic music heritage.” Alexander counts his many influences as including: Doc Watson, Chet Atkins, Paul McCartney, Bruce Cockburn, Paul Simon, Van Morrison, Mark Knopfler and Jim Croce, many of whom he has been compared to. His latest album *Soul River* drops on October 27th, 2020 and features Alexander on guitar, piano and vocals with multi-instrumentalist and producer Fred Story on “everything else.” “The record has 19 tracks and a lot of influences including Chopin, Lightfoot and Dylan.” And as for all those future stars he once opened for, Alexander says: “I guess I was their good luck charm.”

Alexander’s music can be heard on his Pandora Channel Matthew Alexander Radio and all streaming platforms. He will be releasing a live concert video on November 7th, 2020 on Facebook and YouTube.



“His CD offers the breath of fresh air we often search for in our record collections but rarely find.”

Mark Price, Charlotte Observer

“Poignant and prolific”

Debbie Jet, Rock Hill Herald

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