

Rick Gordon

Short Bio

A life long career in music led guitarist, Rick Gordon to Nashville where he continues perfecting his songwriting, recording and sideman talents.

As a session player, Rick has recorded with artists such as “Nashville Star” winner Buddy Jewel, Larry Patton of the Burrito Brothers, David Ball, David Frizzell (You’re the Reason God Made Oklahoma), Ken Spooner (songwriter of “If The Devil danced”, Joe Diffie’s first number one record), Grammy winner Jon Vezner, David Amram, Jim Hoke, Billy McCorvey (Pirates of the Mississippi), Vassar Clements, Walter Hyatt, Victor Mecsyste and 3 time Grammy nominees Trout Fishing In America, as well as various radio and TV jingles.

He has been featured as an instrumentalist on numerous television programs including TNN’s “Prime Time Country”, “Austin City Limits Tribute To Walter Hyatt” and background tracks from soap operas to documentaries. Rick’s theatre work includes the musical, “A Closer Walk With Patsy Cline” at Nashville’s Texas Troubadour Theatre.

Rick has played guitar with a diverse array of artists, such as Delbert McClinton, “Nashville Star” winner Chris Young, Willis Allan Ramsey, Walter Hyat, Jim Hoke, Jonathan Yudkin, David Amram, Victor Mecsyste, Dove Award nominee Jeff Sylvey and the late, great blues artist Joe “Guitar” Hughes. In May of 1996, influential singer-songwriter Walter Hyatt died in the Value-Jet plane crash. As leader of Walter’s King Tears band, Rick backed up many artists who came to pay tribute at the Ryman Auditorium concert (B.J. Thomas, David Ball, Hal Ketchum, Jeff Hanna (Nitty Gritty Dirt Band), Shelby Lynne, Marshall Chapman and Matraca Berg). In 2002, he toured with Holly Dunn, whose schedule included many spots on the Grand Ole Opry. He has also shared the bill with Stevie Ray Vaughan, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Toto, Robert Earl Keen and many others.

Rick released his first recording of original tunes in 1993 with “Go With Your Heart”. He played and sang harmony on his song, “Raining Down On Houston Town” with David

Ball on Austin City Limits. He continues to hone his writing skills on his own and with co-writers who in recent years have included CMA award-winner Paul Nelson, multi-platinum writer Randy Boudreaux and the legendary Walter Hyatt.