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"Focusing on songs, singing, and soul, The Steeldrivers arrive in time to save the Bluegrass day with their brand of no frills, hard driving, working man's music. Fans of the edgy core of grass need this band. Put on your ball cap, grab a cold one, and listen to this CD." ~Tim O'Brien

*"Really soulful bluegrass, with great songs. An incredible combination."
~Vince Gill*

RHYTHM 'N BLUEGRASS SOUND ANCHORS THE STEELDRIVERS' SELF-TITLED DEBUT

Nashville's homegrown The SteelDrivers' unique combination of sophistication with an elemental bluegrass drive and an expressive edge can finally be heard on disc with their August 28 Rounder Records' self-titled debut. Produced by Luke Wooten (Alison Krauss, Jim Lauderdale and Dierks Bentley), the debut album does a great job of translating their impassioned live show onto a studio setting.

Highly regarded behind the scenes as songsmiths and session players – with innumerable hits, cuts and licks to their credits – this batch of seasoned pros has performed to sold out crowds from nearly their inception almost two years ago. While offering new takes on classic themes of redemption and loss, hope and home their songs are equally informed by the mountain sound of Ralph Stanley and the rhythm and blues of Ray Charles.

Recording all original material, The SteelDrivers' collision of back-country high lonesome and Delta soul is one of the most refreshing sounds to emerge on the acoustic scene in a long time. With no hype, just incredible talent, these five musicians have already established a name for themselves in a town that barely looks twice at a bunch of folks holding acoustic instruments. Stretching the boundaries of the typical bluegrass band, the dynamic rock/blues/soul vocals of Chris Stapleton (songs recorded by Josh Turner, Brad Paisley, Kenny Chesney) put the high lonesome bluegrass sounds smack dab in the middle of town.

Nashville Bluegrass Band's Roland White says the band is "The most exciting band to appear on the scene in a long, long time! "

Other SteelDrivers include mandolinist/guitarist/vocalist Mike Henderson (Mark Knopfler, Emmylou Harris, John Hiatt), fiddler/vocalist Tammy Rogers (Buddy & Julie Miller, Reba, Rodney Crowell), banjo player Richard Bailey (Johnny Cash, George Jones, Al Green) and bassist Mike Fleming (Kevin Welch, David Olney).

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