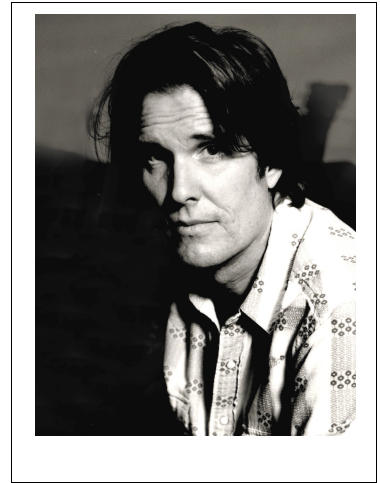


TONY GILKYSON

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Songwriter/guitarist/producer Tony Gilkyson is a genuine product of California's country rock and folk music scenes. Born in Hollywood and raised in an environment of songwriters and musicians, Tony got his start as a boy recording with his father, Walt Disney composer (Jungle Book's 'Bare Necessities') and prominent folk singer/songwriter Terry Gilkyson. Until now, Tony's own reputation as a songwriter have been outstripped by his astounding career as a top flight sideman and session player.



Tony is most recognized for his gutsy guitar playing with the legendary Los Angeles bands X and Lone Justice. He joined X with the acclaimed album See How We Are, continuing for 10 years, through the all acoustic live recording, X Unclogged. In addition to Lone Justice, other artists he has added his imaginative guitar sounds to both live and recorded include: Sam Phillips, Duke McVinnie, Jimmie Dale Gilmore, Peter Rowan, Larry Hosford and Dave Alvin. During his time with X, he also started producing other's recordings, including fellow X-mate Exene Cervenka's two solo albums, sister Eliza Gilkyson, Dances With Wolves' author and poet Michael Blake, and co-producing with Tom Waits, Chuck E. Weiss' Extremely Cool album (Weiss has included several of Tony's original songs on his last two releases).

Since leaving X in 1996, Tony has played guitar with Kip Boardman, Alice Cooper, Bob Dylan, Mike Stinson, Randy Weeks, Kathleen Wilhoite. He also got more into producing, working again with Weiss and producing his 2001 album Old Souls and Wolf Tickets. In 2003, he produced Eleni Mandell's highly acclaimed Country for True Lovers. He's also played guitar on numerous soundtracks, including the just released Johnny Cash biopic Walk The Line and the soon to be released Don't Come Knockin' and All The Kings Men with T-Bone Burnett.

However, it's been 8 years since the release of Tony's first solo recording, Sparko. But fortunately, Tony's decided to focus more on his songwriting and on February 21 will release the earthy folk and country-roots' cd Goodbye Guitar, Rolling Sea Records, distributed via Redeye Music. Leaving the producing to others this time, the new cd is co-produced by Charlie McGovern and Don Heffington and features musical contributions from friends, family and collaborators, including Heffington, Van Dyke Parks, sister Eliza, Danny McGough and Chuck E. Weiss.

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