

## ERIC SOMMER

Boston-based singer, songwriter and guitar player Eric Sommer offers global audiences the unmistakable sounds of life on the American road. Widely acknowledged to be one of the best slide-guitar players in the country, Sommer has mastered his craft by touring as a lifestyle, often playing over 250-280 shows in the span of a single year. Whether he's delivering his aggressive, open tuning, "no fear playing" style alongside fellow musicians on national tours and showcases or performing pure blues and deep grooves in solo shows from coast to coast, Sommer lights venues on fire with his rare combination of extreme technical skill and down-home charm.

Coupled with experienced New Jersey-based session players Jim Oakley on percussion and Zach Smith on bass, Sommer's expansive sound broadens even further to include back-up harmonies, tight rhythms and harmonica grooves that promise to rouse audiences and pack dance floors. For more of Eric Sommer and his trio, be sure to check out their album *Brooklyn Bolero*, to be released on September 15, 2016.

"If there's a place for musical perfection, it's wherever you'll find Eric Sommer - A blistering acoustic style plus a variety of slide and open tuning formats will knock you for a loop..." wrote Studdie Burns, Melody Hut UK in 2013. "How one guy can do this so well is remarkable, but if you look a little deeper there's a batch of road miles around this lad... and it all makes sense."

Texas, Oklahoma and Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and... points universal - it's safe to say this writer and creative musical iconoclast is slowly making his way all around the coffee pot... and appearing - and making diehard fans - everywhere!

Eric started his musical career in the Boston area and has been a regular player on many national tours and showcases. He worked in Europe for two years with Nick Lowe and acts Bram Tchaikovsky and Wreckless Eric on Danish, German and British rock stages, returned to Boston and formed The Atomics, a cult power-pop band in South Boston. His influences are as diverse as Townes Van Zandt, Steve Earle, Steve Howe and The Ramones. Mr. Sommer's current project with power trio "The Solar Flares" shake up Chet Atkins and David Bromberg influences with those of Randy Travis and British Rocker Elvis Costello - a remarkable mix.

He has been on the road, in the studio, on stage, in front of or behind Jerry Douglas, Leon Redbone, John Mayall, Dr. John, David Bromberg, Andy McKee, John Hammond Jr., too many to name... With open tunings, slide guitar, lap-slap tone guitar and a remarkably aggressive fingering style approach, watching Eric Sommer will make you jump out of your seat and holler for joy! There are very few players who have maintained this authentic American style of guitar and Eric Sommer is one of the very best

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