



COLIN BLACK

is an Americana/folk singer-songwriter hailing from the Gulf Coast of Alabama – by way of central Illinois, via New Orleans, recently back after five years living in Europe, and now based in Washington, D.C. (Yep, it's a long story.) With a style evocative of such songwriters as Townes Van Zandt, Greg Brown, Bob Dylan, and Bruce Springsteen, Colin's songs are at once deeply personal and incredibly accessible.

I Just Want You is Colin's third and latest release. Twelve new and all original songs feature the strong melodies, powerful lyrics, and attractive yet simple acoustic instrumentation for which he is known. The CD features a fabulous ensemble of musicians, including multi-instrumentalist stalwart Jerry Trapp and others from the Alabama Gulf Coast and the mountains of North Carolina,

and it was mastered by Grammy winner Charlie Pilzer. The initial response from fans and critics alike has been tremendous – **I Just Want You promises to be Colin's best-loved record yet.**

Born in 1974 in Peoria, Illinois, Colin grew up in a small town beside the Illinois River. As a teenager, he began spending his summers in the small Gulf Coast community of Josephine, Alabama. Miles from the nearest city, the most common entertainment was **acoustic music** – song circles and late night jams in which locally renowned and unknown musicians alike would grab their guitars and mandolins or just sing along to **everything from old folk standards to songs by Townes Van Zandt, Guy Clark, Bob Dylan, Neil Young, Nanci Griffith, the Grateful Dead** and many others. Colin has since lived in many places across the United States and around the world, but it was this musical genesis on the Alabama Gulf Coast that most dramatically shaped his approach to writing and playing music. Almost twenty years later, **Colin's songs are a reflection of his own life – born in the American Midwest, inspired by the great folk songwriters of the 20th century, steeped in Gulf Coast musical community, and broadened by a life of travel, Colin's songs reveal his own truly "Americana" identity.**

Colin has been playing **acoustic guitar** and **writing songs** for nearly twenty years. He has a **unique style on harmonica** and also occasionally plays lap steel, cuatro, or whatever else he can get his hands on. His emphasis, though, has always been on **songwriting – finding words and a melody to tell a story or capture a moment.**

Prior to **I Just Want You**, Colin released a self-titled CD in 2001, as well a second record entitled "No. 2" (2005), which received **rave reviews and radio play** in Europe. Colin currently lives in Washington, D.C., and travels home to Alabama as often as possible. He has also lived in New Orleans; Madrid, Spain; San Juan, Puerto Rico; and The Hague, The Netherlands. For news and other information, including how to find Colin's music on the Internet, please visit:

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