

ELKO!

Humans tend to label and categorize traits and styles. At the earliest stage when we decided to call it a 'Cowboy Poetry Gathering', we simply meant to give folks an idea of what we hoped to celebrate for one weekend in the middle of the winter, in the middle of nowhere, twenty years ago. We didn't know that a 'Cowboy Poetry Gathering' would be as much about music as poetry, but that became apparent as the genre found itself. Comedy, intelligence, emotions, politics, historical to contemporary stories, issues, nature, family and relationships all found they were welcomed. People who have attended Elko or any other cowboy poetry gathering around the country, have accepted this inherently. It's all part of it. "You can't explain it, you've got to be there." This is a comment that literally scores of people have told me they use when asked by the uninitiated why they would travel to hear cowboys spew poetic and play and sing the lost music of the West. "It's magic," "It's what I've been looking for my whole life without knowing it." "It's like a huge family reunion, only everyone likes each other." "It has helped me find out who I am." "The Gathering has enhanced and changed my life." Strong quotes from people who have confided strong feelings for a phenomenon that has endured some twenty years now, and counting. This recording is an effort to give you- the listener - a glimpse of what you would hear if you were to attend the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nevada. It is not a 'best of' nor a 'definitive works.' It is merely a sampling of the diversity of poetry, music, voices, subjects and generations that are The Gathering.

A great big 'Thank You Kindly' goes out to all the Artists on this recording for giving of their talents to this project. The monies raised will help assure that the Western Folklife Center's work is ongoing. I'd also like to thank Western Jubilee Recording Company and Dualtone Music Group for their support and professionalism through the whole process. They are part of a small group of those in the industry who 'get it.' A big 'Thanks' goes out to Butch Hause for the great job he did in recording the 20th, and for the uncountable hours he put in as the engineer and co-producer. What we found in making these CDs, is that one can never capture the excitement, aura, camaraderie and community that 'being there' exudes. They do, however, give one an idea of its legitimacy and should help explain why those who've attended call The Gathering simply and affectionately, Elko.

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CD I

1. BAXTER ON ELKO 3:04
Baxter Black
Baxter Black
Coyote Cowboy Company
headcowboy@baxterblack.com

2. AY AY AY 3:10
Rich & Valerie O'Brien
Traditional, Arr. Rich O'Brien
Western Jubilee Recording Co.*
somagency@aol.com

3. THE ELEVATOR SCALE 2:09
Rodney Nelson
Rodney Nelson
4905 44th St.
Almont, ND 58520

4. POWDER RIVER, LET 'ER BUCK 3:12
Skip Gorman & the Waddie Pals: Tom Sauber, Mary Burdette, Ruthie Dornfeld, Patrick Sauber
Powder River Jack Lee, Arr. Skip Gorman
skipgorman@skipgorman.com

5. INTERNATIONAL GLENN (WHATEVER THAT IS?) 3:02
Glenn Ohrlin
Glenn Ohrlin
1018 Herb Willis Rd.
Mountain View, AR 72560

6. THE DROVER ROAD TO AMULREE 3:36
David Wilkie & Denise Withnell
David J. Wilkie, Ghostwriters
In Disguise, ASCAP
Western Jubilee Recording Co.*
www.cowboyceltic.com

7. THE HOOVES OF THE HORSES 1:08
Randy Rieman
William H. Ogilvie
rieman@cybermesa.com

8. RAGTIME ANNIE 3:20
Hot Club Of Cowtown:
Elana Fremerman, Whit Smith,
Jake Erwin
Arr: Hot Club Of Cowtown
rl@rlmnc.net

9. NOT GONE 3:46
Janine Haig
Janine Haig
janinehaig@bigpond.com

10. ANGELS CAN DO NO MORE 3:35
Andy Wilkinson
Andy Wilkinson
Cain't Quit Music, Inc., BMI
andy@andywilkinson.net

11. DOCTOR, DOCTOR 2:56
Jesse Smith
Sunny Hancock
Rawhide Recording
barnyard@sosinet.net

12. GERONIMO'S MEN (45 HORSES) 4:20
Jon Chandler with Butch Hause & Ernie Martinez
Jon Chandler / Ray Lejeune
Western Dog Publishing, BMI
www.jonchandler.com

13. ONE MOMENT, PLEASE! 1:55
John C. Dofflemyer
John C. Dofflemyer
Dry Crik Press
drycrik@hotmail.com

14. PLAINS OF ST. AUGUSTINE 3:00
Jill Jones & the Lone Star Chorale
with Doug Floyd & Patty Clayton
Elliott Rogers
lonestarchorale@juno.com

15. BIZARZYSKI-MAD BARD & CARPENTER SAVANT OF MANCHESTER, MONTANA- FEEDS THE FINICKY BIRDS 2:27
Paul Zarzyski
Paul Zarzyski
Bucking Horse Moon Music, ASCAP
www.paulzarzyski.com

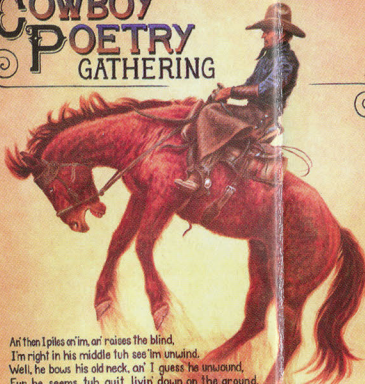
16. SILVER SPURS 4:43
Sons Of The San Joaquin:
Jack Hannah, Joe Hannah,
Bill Thornbury with Tim Johnson
Jack Hannah / Ray Craft,
Arr. Jack Hannah
Great American Cowboy Music
Western Jubilee Recording Co.*
www.thesons.com

17. DREAM OF SPOTTED BUFFALO/NIGHT SONG OF THE CROW 1:36
Henry Real Bird
Henry Real Bird
P.O. Box 5 Garryowen,
MT 59031

18. THE TIME IT NEVER RAINED 2:45
Lyn Messersmith
Lyn Messersmith
cwbypo8@bbc.net

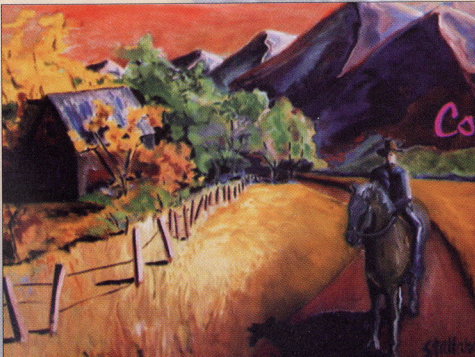
19. ROLL ON OWYHEE 3:59
Brenn Hill with Gord Matthews & Gord Maxwell
Ian Tyson
Slick Fork Music, SOCAN
Red Cliffs Press*
savannahmusic@att.net

The Sixth
COWBOY POETRY GATHERING



An then I ples on'im, an' raises the blind,
I'm right in his middle tuh see'im unbind.
Well, he bows his old neck, an' I guess he unbound,
Fur he seems tuh quit livin' down on the ground.
From "The Strawberry Roan" by Curley Fletcher

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National Cowboy Poetry Gathering

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**20. THINGS OF
INTRINSIC WORTH** 1:44
Wally McRae
Wally McRae
www.westernfolklife.org

**21. SPANISH IS THE
LOVING TONGUE** 5:56
Michael Martin Murphey,
The American Buckaroo Orchestra
Conductor, Kory Katseanes
Trad., Arr. Michael Martin Murphey
Rocking 3M Music, BMI
Westfest Records*
www.michaelmartinmurphey.com

CD II
1. WE ARE THE POETS 2:30
Virginia Bennett
Virginia Bennett
virginiabennett@truevine.net

2. JERRY AMBLER 3:48
Ian Tyson with Gord Maxwell
& Gord Matthews
Ian Tyson / Paul Zarzyski
Slick Fork Music / Bucking
Horse Moon Music, ASCAP
www.masciolientertainment.com

3. SQUARE-HEAD 6:16
Walt LaRue
Walt LaRue
600 N. Niagara
Burbank, CA 91505

4. CATTLE IN THE CANE 2:20
Ruthie Dornfeld with
Patrick Sauber
Traditional
3423 E. Denny Way
Seattle, WA 98122

5. EQUUS CABALLUS 2:38
Joel Nelson
Joel Nelson
P.O. Box 1021
Alpine, TX 79831

6. WILD PLACES 3:42
Michael Fleming
Michael Fleming
New West Music, ASCAP
gnuwest@aol.com

**7. SAYING GRACE IS
SAYING THANK YOU** 3:19
Long John Best
Long John Best
longjohnbest@dodo.com.au

**8. HOOVES OF
THE HORSES** 3:34
Wylie & The Wild West:
Wylie Gustafson, Ray Doyle,
Dave Reynolds, Scot Wilburn
Wylie Gustafson
William H. Ogilvie
Two Medicine Music, BMI
Western Jubilee Recording Co.*
www.wyliewww.com

9. REAL WEALTH 1:49
Peggy Godfrey
Peggy Godfrey
19157 County Rd. 60
Moffat, CO 81143

**10. BORN TO BE
A COWBOY** 5:47
R.W. Hampton
R.W. Hampton
Cimarron Sounds, BMI
rw@springercoop.com

11. SLANT OF LIGHT 2:18
J.V. Brummels
J.V. Brummels
twocow@nntc.net

12. BIG BAD BILL 2:30
Sourdough Slim
Henry Russell /
Allan Rankin Jones
www.sourdoughslim.com

13. FULL VALUE 1:03
Oscar Auker
Joel Hayes
5575 FM 294
Clarendon, TX 79226

14. RED RIVER ROSE 2:58
Red Steagall
Red Steagall, Danny Steagall,
Ace Ford
Texas Red Songs
Western Jubilee Recording Co.*
www.redsteagall.com

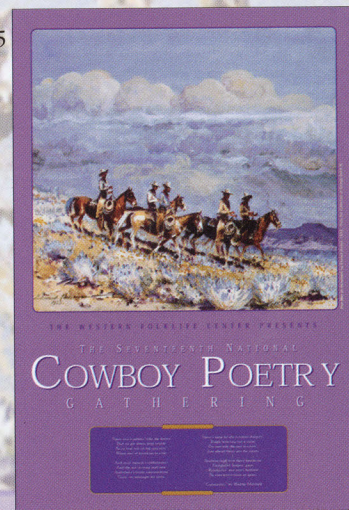
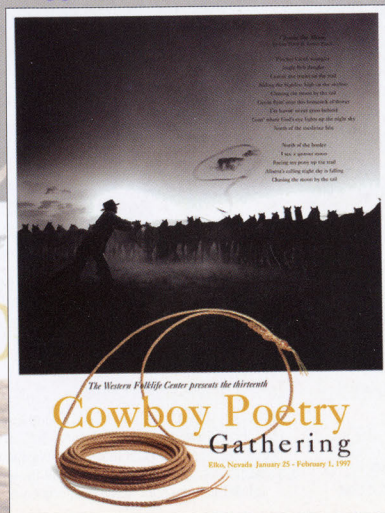
15. HABITAT 2:06
J.B. Allen
J.B. Allen
P.O. Box 68
Whiteface, TX 79379

**16. ALL THIS WAY
FOR THE SHORT RIDE** 3:39
Tom Russell with Paul
Zarzyski & Andrew Hardin
Tom Russell / Paul Zarzyski
Frontera Music, ASCAP /
Bucking Horse Moon Music,
ASCAP. Hightone Records*
P.O. Box 3020
Canutillo, TX 79835

17. ROOSTER POEM :45
Georgie Sicking
Georgie Sicking
P.O. Box 11
Kaycee, WY 82639

18. EVENING CHAT 2:31
Waddie Mitchell
Waddie Mitchell
Waddie's Words Publishing
Western Jubilee Recording Co.*
somagency@aol.com

**19. THE CAMPFIRE
HAS GONE OUT** 3:23
Don Edwards
Traditional,
Music & Arr. Don Edwards
Night Horse Songs, BMI
Western Jubilee Recording Co.*
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