



CHUCK MICALLEF.
"The Moon The Stars And The Sun".

Every now and again I run across Chuck Micallef, a Canadian guy who lives in this country. I like his laid back approach to country music and the way that his self penned songs sits comfortably alongside the country classics in his show. I also enjoy his easygoing nature and willingness to please his audiences. It's also nice to hear of the respect given to him by other performers within his chosen music.

This mini CD contains five tracks, well six if you count the intro to one of the tracks where some of his fellow performers join Chuck on lead vocals, but more of that later.

"The Moon The Stars And The Sun" opens with a beautiful version of "Long Black Veil". Chuck's rich voice and some splendid musicianship is a joy to listen to. Chuck wrote "Blues In E" which is down and dirty country blues with some smashing blues harp from Dave Smith, lead guitar from Dave Luke and haunting B3 Organ from album producer Bob Federer. The title track "The Moon The Stars And The Sun" is another Chuck Micallef written song. Laid back and honest to goodness country as you expect from this Canadian.

Hank Williams wrote "I Saw The Light". Chuck, Jesse Taylor, Ian Calford and Dean Austin share lead vocals on the short intro before Chuck takes over to stamp his own identity on this country music classic. Sherri Naylor joins Chuck on the closing track "Loving You" Written by Chuck. A delightful love song presented so well.

Chuck will be performing some of his own material at the songwriters show at Americana on Friday afternoon this year. Come along and enjoy the talents of this friendly Canadian and perhaps take a copy of this CD home with you. It's good enough for any collection.

Brian Ahern. (2003)