

# BEAR FAMILY RECORDS



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Artist **The Brother Boys**  
Title **On The Honky Tonk Highway With The Brother Boys**  
**New Hillbilly Music**  
Label Bear Family Records  
Catalog no. BCD17685 Price code: AR  
EAN-Code 4000127176851  
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Genre Alt. Country, Honky Tonk  
No. of tracks 51 approx. 157:00 min.  
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## INFO:

- **Bear Family Records® presents the Brother Boys, an Americana act from East Tennessee founded in the late 1980s by Ed Snodderly and Eugene Wolf, still active these days.**
- **The individual style mix of classic country, folk, old-time, bluegrass, blues, rockabilly, gospel, and singer-songwriter pop stubbornly resists any pigeonholing and still sounds ahead of its time.**
- **Described by the band itself as 'New Hillbilly Music,' the Brother Boys carry musical traditions from the last century into the modern day.**
- **The album includes nearly all of the tracks from the 1988 debut album, a host of tracks from the two albums originally released on Sugar Hill, as well as eight unreleased live and radio recordings and selections from the 2021 comeback album.**
- **Compiled and annotated by Appalachian music expert Ted Olson, the double album delivers 51 songs, extensive interviews and numerous photos, some published for the first time.**
- **Marcus Heumann has sensitively remastered the recordings from the original sources.**

Whether in concert or on recordings, The Brother Boys - bandleaders Ed Snodderly and Eugene Wolf and their various bandmates - for more than three decades have created music reflecting the influence of several roots music styles while remaining original, true to their own sound. Deeply rooted in the past yet ahead of their time, The Brother Boys have been overlooked precisely because their music is not easily categorizable. In 1988, Snodderly, Wolf, and some bandmates recorded the group's eponymous debut album for their own label, New Hillbilly Records. The Brother Boys were steeped in the histories of several musical genres, with a repertoire that drew from - but did not imitate - classic country, folk, old-time, bluegrass, blues, rockabilly, gospel, and singer-songwriter pop.

What rendered The Brother Boys' music distinctive was its organic blend of ingredients: Snodderly's and Wolf's authoritative lead vocals and adventurous 'brother duo'-style harmony singing; older but not overly familiar standards mixed with Snodderly's evocative original songs; as well as deft and daring acoustic and electric guitar playing from Snodderly with skilled instrumental support from a merry band of string and percussion wizards.

'New Hillbilly Music' compiles 51 Brother Boys recordings made between 1988 and 2022. Newly remastered, these recordings include virtually all of the band's ultra-rare debut album, numerous Brother Boys classics from two acclaimed Sugar Hill Records albums, 8 previously unreleased live radio and concert performances, several Brother Boys gems originally found on other albums, and key tracks from the recent comeback album 'More Mule'.

Including rare photographs documenting the history of The Brother Boys alongside a revelatory interview with Snodderly and Wolf, this Bear Family Records® album (the third album in the label's 'On The Honky Tonk Highway' series) will take the listener on a rollicking drive up and down the backroads of a rolling, and at times majestically mountainous, Appalachian landscape. Embodying music traditions without being bound by them, these recordings reveal The Brother Boys to be far more than a moldy revivalist act. With fans of American roots music worldwide presently acknowledging the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the emergence of the genre once called 'hillbilly music' (i.e., country music), 'New Hillbilly Music' showcases songs, sounds, and styles that coalesced in the 1920s, flourished throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and continue to evolve and inspire in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

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## TRACKLISTING:

### CD1:

Wanna, Wanna, Wanna    Blue From Now On    The Diamond Stream    Majestic    The First Time    Loose Talk  
(You've Got The Look Of A) Perfect Diamond    Tango Till You're Sore    Two Men    Blue Days, Black Nights  
Town That Never Sleeps    My Shoes Keep Walking Back To You    Black Fifty Ford    Nickel Plate Road    I'm No Longer In Your Heart  
Jordan Am A Hard Road To Travel    Small Southern Town    Pinto Pony    The Great Atomic Power    Gonna Row My Boat  
Kiss The Dream Girl    Alone With You    Blue Guitar    Darkest Day    Satellite Shack    Come On In (And Make Yourself At Home)  
Crazy Heart    Heartaches Meet Mr. Blues

### CD2:

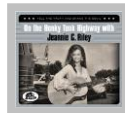
**The Brother Boys with Jerry Douglas:** Pearlie Mae    Band Box    Moonshine Grin    What's The Calling For    Those Two Blue Eyes  
When The Day Is Done    Tell Me What You Want Me To Do    Strange    Let's Shake Loose    Twist You Up    I'll Rise When the Rooster  
Crows    Then and Only Then    Everybody Wants to Go to Heaven    Conversation With Death    The Ramshackle Shack    Crazy Arms  
I Just Roll Along    In The Shadow Of Clinch Mountain    Memphis Shakedown    I Can't Tell You Anymore (What I Need)  
Shade And River Time    Sweet Riverside    Goodbye

## ALSO AVAILABLE:

### Jeannie C. Riley:

**On The Honky Tonk Highway With Jeannie C. Riley**

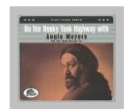
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1-CD (Digipak) with 48-page booklet  
EAN: 5397102176364



### Various Artists:

**On The Honky Tonk Highway With  
Augie Meyers & The Texas Re-Cord Co.**

BCD17700 AR  
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet  
EAN: 4000127177001



### BR5-49:

**One Long Saturday Night, plus**

BCD17347 AH  
1-CD (Digipak) with 32-page booklet  
EAN: 5397102173479



**Ronnie Dawson & High Noon with Liza Pankratz:  
The Carnegie Hall Tour**

BCD16828 AH  
1-CD (Digipak) with 56-page booklet  
EAN: 4000127168283



### Billy Walker:

**Whirlpool  
Gonna Shake This Shack Tonight**

BCD17521 AH  
1-CD (Digipak) with 28-page booklet  
EAN: 5397102175213



### Hawkshaw Hawkins:

**Car Hoppin' Mama  
Gonna Shake This Shack Tonight**

BCD16988 AH  
1-CD (Digipak) with 36-page booklet  
EAN: 4000127169884

