## SPENCER BOHREN - PERFORMER

"Impeccable slide playing, atmospheric lapsteel . . . sheer bliss!" Folk Roots,



Rootsway Festival in Parma, Italy, photo by Giovanni Grilli, 2009

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- " ~ is a living repository of American music." Plain Dealer/Cleveland, OH
- " ~ is more than just a musician, he's also a master storyteller." Times-Picayune/New Orleans, LA
- " ~ is the best solo act in the business!
  Tucson Blues Society/Tucson, AZ
- " ~ seduces his audience with his thrilling, sensual music." L'est Republicain/Bordeaux, France

Spencer Bohren's music resonates with the ambience of the rivers, roads, and bayous of the American South. He has a marvelous gift for sharing his great love for America's wealth of traditional folk, blues, gospel and country music, honed over forty-five years of performance. Spencer's ability to animate the musicians and singers from the past with both respectful readings of their music and spellbinding stories is legendary.

## But that's not all . . .

Woven through the fabric of a Spencer Bohren performance are his stunning original pieces, teeming with echoes of the traditional music he loves, yet written from a modern viewpoint. From gently opinionated topical songs to energetic highway tunes to disarmingly beautiful ballads, Spencer presents a wide range of music, punctuated by superlative guitar playing and using an ever-changing assortment of vintage guitars, lapsteels and banjos. The atmosphere of his New Orleans home subtly informs each performance. What's more, the stories that preface the songs are often as well received as the songs themselves.

## SELECTED LIVE PERFORMANCES

New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival A Prairie Home Companion National Storytelling Fest – Jonesborough, TN Bumbershoot Festival – Seattle, WA L'Olympia Theatre – Paris, France The Bottom Line – Nagoya, Japan Beverley Folk Festival – Beverley, UK MNOP Festival – Perigueux, France Swallow Hill – Denver, CO Tipitina's – New Orleans King Biscuit Blues Fest – Helena, AR Kerrville, Folk Festival – Kerrville, TX