

Don Rigsby

A proud torchbearer for old-school tradition, **Don Rigsby** combines the artistry of first-generation masters with a scholar's knowledge of the repertoire and the pure enthusiasm of a committed bluegrass fan. Coming to prominence in the early 1990s, he served with distinction in J.D. Crowe's New South, the Lonesome River Band, Rock County and the bluegrass "supergroup" Longview before launching his solo career. Since 2001, Rigsby has toured extensively, making guest appearances on a dizzying variety of albums and producing discs like 2005's IBMA Album Of The Year, Larry Sparks' *40* (Rebel) and its successor, *The Last Suit You Wear* (McCoury Music). His latest release, *Hillbilly Heartache* (Rebel), features his band, **Midnight Call**, a group of outstanding young musicians from around Rigsby's home in Morehead, Kentucky.



For eight years, Rigsby was the Director of the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music. During this time, he taught various college classes in traditional music. Throughout his career, he has been involved in education, having conducted numerous workshops and being involved in music camps all across America and Canada. He considers it a responsibility to share his knowledge of Bluegrass and traditional music to assure the furtherance and survival of the genre.

"Rigsby's soaring tenor is a powerful weapon, and he surrounds himself with strong players..." ~ *Craig Shelburne, CMT.com*

"It was inevitable that he would eventually move into the limelight as a solo artist, and with two previous Sugar Hill solo albums, he's proven that he's more than worthy of the attention." ~ *Shaun Dale, cosmic.com*

It's long been a goal for contemporary bluegrassers to find a bridge to gap the chasm that exists between the traditional and contemporary wings of the music...And Don Rigsby often finds himself in the middle of the more compelling projects of this era."

~ *Steve Romanoski, ibluegrass.com*

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