

ERIC BANNAN

STUMBLING TOWARDS THE LIGHT



THE STORY:

Eric Bannan is a musical storyteller whose songs travel the bleak desert highways and lush mountain hollows of the heart. His sound is rooted in folk, driven by foot-tapping funk and seasoned with the blues. More than an entertainer, his mission is to build community with story and song. With more than 30 years of performing experience, Eric's shows are an energetic celebration of life, love and loss.

In May of 2012, on the day his *Wild Places* CD was released, Eric's mother died suddenly. Eventually, he sat down to try and write his way out of the grief. During those countless early morning writing sessions he realized that his own story was more powerful than any he could make up. From this new wellspring of intent flowed the songs that make up the heart of his latest CD *Stumbling Towards The Light*.

Eric spent the winter of 2014-2015 getting up at 4:30 AM to record the basic tracks on his laptop before getting his son ready for school. When spring arrived, he took the tracks to Chris Rosser's Asheville, NC recording studio. There he spent 10 days with some very talented friends building up 11 songs that explore the darkness and doubt in our lives without losing sight of the hope and joy that sustain us. With guest appearances by Jonathan Byrd, Wyatt Easterling and Laurelyn Dossett, *Stumbling Towards The Light* gives voice to the triumphs and tragedies of everyday life.

Eric currently resides in Pittsboro, NC.

"Eric writes outside the box!"

—Jon Vezner – Grammy Award-winning Songwriter

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THE TRACKS:

- 1. A Better Look At Life** (3:14) – An up-tempo musical mountain getaway. *Features master fiddler Josh Goforth.*
- 2. Carolina Rain** (4:05) – A lonely road musician dreams of his distant home. *Fiddle and Mando by Josh Goforth.*
- 3. An American Dream** (4:31) – An immigration story told from the other side of the fence. *Features Laurelyn Dossett on Vocals.*
- 4. A New Shade Of The Blues** (4:21) – A twisted blues about a toxic relationship. *Features Electric Dobro by Billy Cardine.*
- 5. The Weight Of The Steel** (4:07) – A dark cautionary tale/murder ballad. *Caution: Contains banjo.*
- 6. Chicken Pot Pie** (4:04) – Fun, Funky tune about my favorite dish. *Jonathan Byrd kills it on Telecaster.*
- 7. She's Gone** (3:28) – Heart wrenching ballad about the aftermath of losing a loved one. *Triple Fiddle by Josh Goforth.*
- 8. Born to Love** (3:53) – An edgy blues about surviving a serial heart breaker.
- 9. Going Down Slow** (3:51) – An amateur outlaw goes a little too far.
- 10. Box Full of Happiness** (3:12) – Lighthearted ode to love and the Ukulele. *Features Cary Cooper on vocals.*
- 11. Stumbling Towards The Light** (3:34) – A musical meditation on the choices we make and their consequences. *Features Co-Writer Wyatt Easterling on Vocals.*

Recommended Tracks for Folk:

- 2. Carolina Rain** (4:05)
- 3. An American Dream** (4:31)
- 10. Box Full of Happiness** (3:12)

Recommended Tracks for Americana

- 3. An American Dream** (4:31)
- 4. A New Shade Of The Blues** (4:21)
- 5. The Weight Of The Steel** (4:07)

"Eric's new CD combines top-of-the-line musicianship with great songwriting – already on my ten best list of the year!"

—DJ "Tofu Dave"—Blue Collar Wisdom on Community Radio WCOM