

The Ragpicker String Band Bios

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In the spring of 2015, three blues/roots veterans joined forces in a new collaboration called **The Ragpicker String Band**. Mandolinist **Rich DelGrosso**, guitarist **Mary Flower** and multi-instrumentalist **Martin Grosswendt** have earned steady streams of praise for their outstanding string skills and their devotion to the genre. They strum and pick up a storm on their debut album but it's their tight trio harmonies that especially dazzle. Combined, these three have scored nine Blues Music Award nominations and enjoyed rave press reviews and top festival slots all over the world.

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For pics, press clippings and more:

<http://mandolinblues.com/Ragpicker/press.html>

For music samples to listen to:

<http://ragpickerstringband.bandcamp.com/album/the-ragpicker-string-band>

For bookings contact [Rich DelGrosso](#)

The performers websites:

Rich DelGrosso: <http://www.mandolinblues.com>

Mary Flower: <http://maryflower.com>

Martin Grosswendt: <http://martingrosswendt.com>

Nominated for Blues Music Award 2016 “Acoustic Album of the Year”

“...three wonderful US roots and blues musicians clearly ripping it up, jamming comfortably together and each and all having a ball doing it. This is a refreshingly different release bursting at the seams with rewarding music, feel and blues-flavours.

CASHBOX CANADA Lain Patience 12/17/2015

“ As pickers and string benders, these guys are first class, and their three-part singing is well bonded and moving.”

Texas Music Magazine Roger Wood Winter 2016



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“Three of the best string players on the planet... this is a vintage acoustic-blues-lover's dream.”

Nashville Blues Society Don Crow 8/14/2015

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Their release just came out August 15, 2015 and is available in all of the online resources. You may find more information about the performers and their release at [Yellow Dog Records](#). This link includes a player where you may listen to samples of music:

“Absolutely mesmerizing acoustic blues...”

Elmore Blues Magazine Jim Hynes 8/28/2015

"An acoustic concoction of Delta blues and Appalachian string band with a touch of jazz... It's hard for me to pick favorite tracks."

Blogcritics Jon Sobel 8/7/15

"Great chemistry between these three artists... a really satisfying album."

Dave Gallaher, **WJAB**, Huntsville AL

"Love this CD... a breath of fresh air among ear splitting, electric guitar steroid exercises."

Blues Music Magazine Art Tipaldi, Editor,

“Tip your hat to these Ragpickers who play up a storm. It’s a triumphant win for the acoustic blues in the 21st century.”

Living Blues Art Tipaldi, Editor,