

Rick Fines

"Just try not to smile when Rick Fines is on the stereo. A gorgeous picker with a down-home voice and attitude, even Fines' blues can lift your spirits."

Norm Provencher, The Ottawa Citizen

Rick Fines refuses to be pigeonholed. Warm-hearted blues, juke joint folk, dockside soul, he creates sounds that both embrace and defy the genres that influence him.

His musical road reflects this eclecticism. From early career rock to Juno-nominated acoustic blues with the Jackson Delta trio to a stunning duo with Suzie Vinnick to personal success as an award-winning songwriter, Rick's music continues to evolve and surprise.

His newest release, *Driving Home*, captures the many moods and styles of his repertoire. Upbeat and optimistic, it represents his most diverse and electric recording to date.

"Buttermilk Falls" kicks things off with a sunny goodtime vibe, while "Driving Home," with its distorted lead and weeping lap steel, conjures memories of a 70's Neil Young. Where "Why Do We Treat Love Like That," a duet with Grainne Ryan, blends 60's pop with thick-stringed country guitar, "When the Rain Ends" is a folk gem that threatens to chase the blues away altogether. An album standout, "The Winds of Time" is lyrically poignant, with solos that search for, and eventually reach, the sky.

What holds this diverse album together is Rick's signature vocal growl and incisive lead guitar. Steeped in roots music, he has created a sound that is uniquely his own.

Rick will be hitting the road to support *Driving Home*, continuing a storied live career that has seen him perform everywhere from the National Gallery and Governor General's Garden Party to Montreal Jazz, Ottawa BluesFest, and the Edmonton Folk Festival. International tour highlights include visits to France, Italy, Scotland, Newfoundland, BC's Gulf Islands, the Canadian Arctic, and the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival.

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1. *Buttermilk Falls* ~ 4:06
2. *Driving Home* ~ 3:33
3. *This One Day* ~ 5:53
4. *Ridin' the Rails* ~ 4:56
5. *Why Do We Treat Love Like That* ~ 3:13
6. *When The Rain Ends* ~ 4:42
7. *Long Gone* ~ 3:46
8. *You Took The Wind Out Of Me* ~ 4:26
9. *Hounds Howling Up On The Hill* ~ 3:34
10. *Make The Change* ~ 4:11
11. *The Winds Of Time* ~ 3:31
12. *The Sun Is Bright* ~ 3:57



Driving home

