

ACOUSTIC GUITAR SUMMIT (Friday, July 16 , 7:30pm) ARTIST BIOS



Acoustic Guitar Summit

Terry Robb Mark Hanson Doug Smith

Portland, Oregon's virtuoso acoustic guitar trio - **Acoustic Guitar Summit** - is made up of three of the country's best fingerstyle guitarists. Two members, Doug Smith and Mark Hanson, won a Grammy in 2005 for their contributions to the Henry Mancini - Pink Guitar CD. The third member, Terry Robb, is the perennial winner of the Cascade Blues Association award as the top acoustic blues guitarist in the Pacific Northwest. In addition, in September of 2006, Doug won the National Fingerpicking Championship contest in Winfield, Kansas.

The Summit's music is heard on national television (Martha Stewart Living, Late Night with Conan O'Brien), major films (Twister, Moll Flanders) and National Public Radio (Echoes and West Coast Live). In addition, their music is regularly licensed for syndicated TV and radio broadcasts, and regional and national advertising campaigns.

Terry Robb has recorded over a dozen blues albums. He has played on and produced a half dozen John Fahey CDs, toured with famed rocker Steve Miller, and contributed a song to Robert Redford's film "Horse Whisperer." As a solo artist, he currently records for the Memphis blues label Yellow Dog Records.

Mark Hanson is internationally known for his numerous recordings, and for his 30+ guitar instruction manuals and DVDs. Four of his titles were named to the Top 100 acoustic music publications by Acoustic Guitar magazine. His music is heard regularly on a variety of syndicated TV and radio programs.

Reigning national fingerpicking champion, **Doug Smith** has recorded numerous solo CDs, and works with Mannheim Steamroller and Lion King and Tarzan film composer Mark Mancina. In concert, Doug's outstanding solo rendition of John Philip Sousa's "Stars & Stripes Forever" always brings down the house. Doug and Mark recently arranged and recorded three tunes for Cole Porter - De-Lovely, the follow-up to the Grammy-winning Mancini CD, which won in the Best Pop Instrumental Album category in 2005. All three AGS members have been featured individually and as a group on Oregon Public Broadcasting's Oregon Art Beat program.

Together the Acoustic Guitar Summit performs a wide range of music. A blistering original may lead into a tightly interwoven arrangement of a classic ballad. A gypsy jazz tune like Django Reinhardt's "Nuages" may lead into their stunning version of the folk classic "The Water Is Wide." Their original tunes range from intricately woven fingerpicking burners to slide-inflected blues and jazz ballads. There are always hot licks and great fun at an AGS concert!

Their two CDs - Acoustic Guitar Summit and Summit Meeting, - are available through Accent On Music and Made In Oregon stores. Contact Mark Hanson at (503) 699-1814 ext.2, or visit www.AcousticGuitarSummit.net.