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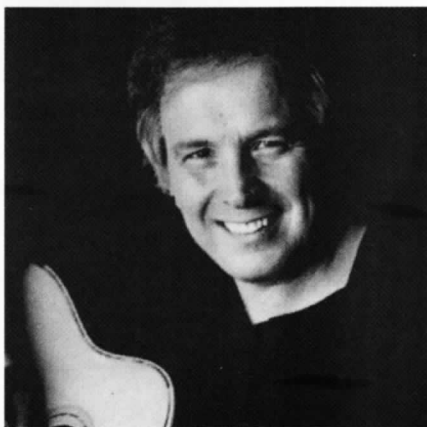
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“Don McLean’s picking, as much as his singing, is par excellence.”

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“‘American Pie’...may have been the most erudite song of the seventies.”

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DON McLEAN

biography

Don McLean accentuates the diverse musical background with folk, western, gospel, rockabilly, and '40's cabaret style music. McLean performs the music of Buddy Holly, Woody Guthrie, Roy Orbison, Hank Williams, and Bob Nolan Sons of the Pioneers, as well as his own poetic and rock hits.

In addition to his busy touring schedule, Don McLean is actively writing and recording new material. He recently signed a 7 album deal with MCA Records as well as a book deal with MCA Publishing. This year, MCA released "Don McLean: greatest hits LIVE!" and "Don McLean's Christmas Dreams."

EMI England has just awarded Don McLean with a gold record for his album, "The Best of Don McLean." This is his 41st gold or platinum award worldwide. Don also received a gold award for "The Best of Don McLean" in the U.S. and a triple platinum award for "American Pie."

He is a powerful performer with powerful ideas to express in song, one who has an almost magic communication with his audience and who knows how to get them involved. "So often performers will get on stage and sing well and do things well, but they're not reaching the people. They're not getting that back-and-forth thing where suddenly you realize, 'Hey, we're together in this. We're having a good time.' It's just 'I' rendering my material to you. And if you happen to like it, fine. If you don't, fine. I'm not going to adjust anything for you."

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