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BY LARRY HOLDEN

Jump on This!

Is this a great city, or what? Where else but Nashville could a live two-disc CD and companion DVD project like The Time Jumpers' *Jumpin' Time* be created in a tiny little blue-grass club—the legendary Station Inn—by some of the best musicians in the world? *Jumpin'*, one of the coolest projects you're likely to enjoy this year, features a great 26-song collection of country, jazz, swing, pop, and cowboy classics. Produced by Terry Choate, the live concert includes such classics as "Honeysuckle Rose," "Write Myself a Letter," "Route 66," "Bonaparte's Retreat," "All of Me" and "Embraceable You." And exactly who or what are The Time Jumpers? They began when a bunch of off-the-road musicians got together to have some fun by playing some of their all-time-favorite songs at the Station Inn on Monday nights—the slowest night of the week. Before long, word spread and audiences started including familiar



faces—like **Reba McEntire**, **Vince Gill**, **Bonnie Raitt**, **Ronnie Dunn**, **Lee Ann Womack**, **Delbert McClinton**, **Linda Davis** and various Nashville luminaries. The celebrities in the audience often hop up on the stage and do songs with the band, comprised of **Dennis Crouch**, "**Ranger Doug**"

Green of Riders in the Sky, **Aubrey Haynie**, **Kenny Sears**, **Joe Spivey**, "**Papa**" **John Hughey**, **Andy Reiss**, **Jeff Taylor**, **Rick**

Vanough, **Dawn Sears** and **Carolyn Martin**. Reba loved her first visit so much, she got up and sang some **Bob Wills** tunes with the band. And Vince often sits in. It's worth a trip to Nashville to see them, but you still need these incredible CD and DVD combos. Instant classics!

Real Folks Songs

I went to Soundcheck studios a few days ago to sit in on **Ray Scott** rehearsing songs, before cutting them for his new album, due out later this year. Although his debut CD, *My Kind of Music*, was absolutely terrific (with the title cut being a hit), the songs Ray belted out in rehearsal, with co-producers **Paul Worley** and



Ray Scott



Hazel Smith

"Onderful" fans, let's talk TV! As most of you know, I'm hosting *Southern Fried Flicks With Hazel Smith* on CMT, with funny-man **Shane Caldwell** producing and executive producer **Richard Van Syckle**. Having a blast! We've had great guests, like **Brad Paisley**, **Mike Snider**, **The Grascals**, **Joe Nichols**, singer/actress



Brad Paisley

Lindsey Haun from **Toby Keith's** movie *Broken Bridges*, **Craig Morgan** and **Kellie Pickler**, who all have been tasting Southern cooking in my kitchen. Hope you tune in for the food and fun. We show a movie, cook, eat and talk with the finest guests in country music. Airs every other Sunday night on CMT!



Craig Morgan

Phillip Moore fine-tuning them as they went along, set a much higher mark for his music. Now, I know that just because an artist cuts a song doesn't mean it will make it on an album, 'cause a lot of songs are cut and then the best ones are selected for a CD. But if "Fast Women" and "Better Than You Found Me" don't make it on Ray's album, it's gonna be a cryin'



shame. For more on Ray—who wrote **Clay Walker's** "A Few Questions" and **Randy Travis'** "Pray for the Fish," and whose "real folks" songwriting has been compared to **Merle Haggard's**—check out rayscott.com.

Picklebutt?



At first it seems like a cruel joke—to name **Kellie Pickler's** music publishing company Picklebutt Publishing—but Kellie couldn't be happier. Picklebutt is the nickname her friends gave her a long time ago, and now Kellie is proud to have the unusual moniker on her company. For more on Kellie, check out page 22.

DukesFest Returns

Time to put up your Dukes again! CMT DukesFest, the annual gathering of *Dukes of Hazzard* fans, revs up in Nashville the weekend of June 1. CMT DukesFest 2007 kicks off in the Music Valley area June 1, and moves to the Music City Motorplex June 2 and 3.



LeAnn is celebrating five years of marriage.

Some of the show's original stars will be there, along with around 100 General Lee cars. "Last year, we drew more than 70,000 people over two days," says **Ben Jones**, who played "Cooter" on the TV series and



Ben "Cooter" Jones and the General Lee at Country Weekly

helped create DukesFest. "They can't wait to get back to Music City and neither can we." For details and ticket information, go to cootersplace.com

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