

## **WHAT THE CRITICS SAY ABOUT BRYAN BOWERS....**

*"Bowers is widely regarded as the leading virtuoso on the autoharp... Bowers also has distinct gifts as a singer and songwriter."*

-PEOPLE MAGAZINE

*"A brilliant, innovative autoharpist & powerful songwriter-the festival's single most powerful performance."*

-THE BOSTON GLOBE

*"Bryan Bowers is to the Autoharp what Bjorn Borg is to tennis balls or Henny Youngman is to one-liners - he is just about the best there is at it."*

-THE GLOBE AND MAIL

*"He is considered one of America's foremost virtuosos on the Autoharp."*

-THE WASHINGTON POST

*"For all the acclaim Bryan Bowers has won as the master of the autoharp, what radiates from the instrument under his touch is not flash but warmth and brilliance." "You get a good feeling being a member of Bryan Bowers' audience, the good feeling that comes from watching someone doing just what he needs to do and doing it well and for all the right reasons."*

-THE PHILADELPHIA FOLK SONG SOCIETY

*"He plays the autoharp and when he picks up the instrument, the entire room changes...a very magical world, a music never heard before."*

-THE CHICAGO SUN-TIMES

*"Bowers is a riveting performer who stands tall at the microphone, harps in hand and gently lulls the audience into taking part in his act. He has charm and gets his musical emotions across to the crowd easily."*

-THE OREGONIAN

*"Bryan Bowers is the kind of performer about whom people get that glint in their eyes and say, 'Hey, have you heard about Bryan Bowers?'"*

-WASHINGTON STAR NEWS

*"A more than interesting and very unique performer."*

-THE VILLAGE VOICE

*"...This man makes more music from an Autoharp than you can imagine from a 12 string guitar and a harpsichord combined. He has more stage presence and charisma than any stage performer in recent memory."*

-THE WASHINGTON TIMES

*"...Dealing strictly on a musical level, my favorite of the entire festival was autoharp virtuoso Bryan Bowers. Bowers has taken what is a very simple instrument to play and does things with it that cannot be physically done."*

-FOLK MUSIC

*"...Bowers is acclaimed as a master of the rare instrument, the genius of the autoharp."*

-PERFORMANCE

*"...Positively celestial...completely unforced, a phenomenon unlike anything I've seen..."*

-NEW MUSICAL EXPRESS

*"I want to have a good time and I want people to have a good time, no 'woe is me' trip. I want the joy of bringing people together and communicating....if I can say it like I see it, I can bring happiness."*

-BRYAN BOWERS