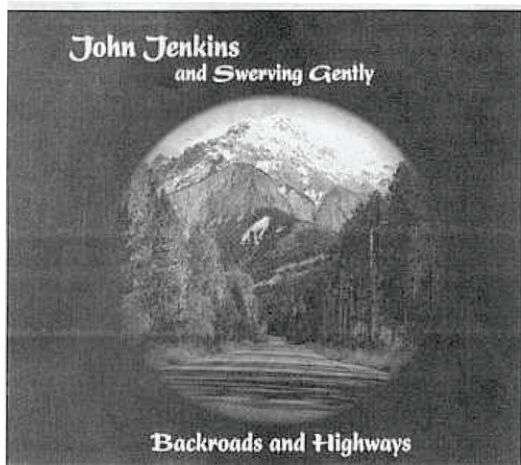


John Jenkins and Swerving Gently

CD Release Party -by Brian Gibson



Anyone who has ever had the privilege of attending a Jam Night in Golden will surely recognize the name John Jenkins. When it comes to jammin' Johnny J is the Shaquille O'neal of Golden. Many people only know his musical styling from these interpretive nights at The Golden Taps. John's music has taken form through various acts in the past like the Billy Grass Goat Boys, the Willowbank Mountain Ramblers and the Hired Guns to name a few. Now John, along with his brother Dan Jenkins on Bass and their good friend Don Stenner (holding down the rhythm section) have formed a trio they have dubbed Swerving Gently. Their first full length CD entitled Backroads and Highways is set to be released on the evening of February 12th at The Lyric Bar and Grill. The band plans on performing the CD in its entirety and the price of admission even includes a copy of the new CD!

With help from the Canadian Society for the Recording Arts, John and Swerving Gently have recorded a disc full of original songs at Big Reels Studio in Parson, BC. The

mastering of the disc was done in Calgary at Canada Disc and Tape, producing a highly polished recording that still has the raw edge of a live performance.

When I talked to John about their latest endeavour he explained that he has been making music since he was 15 and he is finally ready to release a full CD. He was quick to point out the hard work and patience it takes to record and that a lot of the recognition should go to his band mates for making it happen.

Music is sometimes hard to put a label on, but I would classify the Swerving Gently sound to be a funky, folky, bluegrass, country, blues mix. With a mix of great musicality and karma this trio doesn't disappoint. So mark Tuesday, February 12th on your calendar and come out to support some of Golden's finest musicians. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door and are available at The Lyric or by calling John at 344-2572. There will only be 200 tickets sold so make sure you get them soon as they are selling fast. Be there and get your swerve on. Show starts at 9pm-ish.