



## **Duane Slaymaker** ***Duane Slaymaker Live***

Anyone who has ever seen Duane Slaymaker knows that he has earned the moniker, "The Hardest Working Man in Central Pa." It seems that everywhere you drive in the county, you see marquees advertising his name. You hear your friends mention seeing his show last weekend. Sometimes you unwittingly run into him when you go out on a Saturday night.

If you haven't met Duane Slaymaker or seen his show, you've been locked in your house way too long. A native of Lancaster County, Slaymaker plays an average of two to three nights a week in Lancaster, York and beyond without ever losing that signature voice that sounds like melted caramel over milk chocolate – rich, smooth and so good you just can't stop yourself from the guilty pleasure of listening to him.

Slaymaker's set mostly consists of covers of '70s singer/songwriters like Bread, Crosby, Stills & Nash, James Taylor and Neil Diamond, usually solo and always acoustic. Slaymaker's style compliments intimate environs, connecting with his audience, making even the most conservative audience members tap their feet, smile and sing along.

Slaymaker's latest CD, *Duane Slaymaker Live*, was recorded at the Symposium in Lancaster in August of 2003. A follow up to 1998's *Harmony*, the album mixes it up with covers and originals. Accompanied on drums by Jerry Groff, Slaymaker crafts the album like a fine guitar – feeling the music, making adjustments for the crowd until the pitch and timbre is perfect.

*DSL* showcases Slaymaker's talent for his craft and his heart as the craftsman. With each song he draws the listener deeper and deeper, first with more familiar material like an old favorite ("Sister Golden Hair"), then with a contemporary standard ("If I had A Million Dollars") until finally your senses are awoken to Slaymaker's own talent as a singer/songwriter with newer originals like, "Angel Like You," a touching ballad that really makes you want to dance with your significant other, even if you can't dance.

Slaymaker is also working on a new CD of originals. *Duane Slaymaker Live* is available at Music Den, Rockville Square Outlets; The Symposium, S. Centerville Rd., Lancaster; and at any Duane Slaymaker show. It is a guilty pleasure that you can indulge in without hiding it in the back of the CD changer.

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