

Doug Hoekstra

Blooming Roses

"A lot of people write songs,
Hoekstra writes five-minute worlds"
(*Wired Magazine*)

Doug Hoekstra is a unique and compelling artist whose work has been heralded by critics, djs, and fans throughout the U.S. and Europe. Raised in Chicago and based in Nashville, he has earned a well-deserved reputation as a man with an ear for a phrase and an eye for detail, a "songwriter's songwriter" (*CMJ Music Monthly*)

His latest project, *Blooming Roses*, features all of the "Hoekstra hallmarks" - honest vocals, narrative lyrics, emotive chord changes and impeccable musicianship. From the soul vibe of the title track (*Blooming Roses*) to the atmospheric groove of the closer (*Everywhere is Somewhere*), the music is infused with mood and purpose, creating a unified and rich musical landscape that stands as Hoekstra's strongest work to date. An advance review in *Brighton Magazine UK* referred to *Blooming Roses* as "a peerless set of gems...psychedelic folk-flecked Americana."

The CD was recorded primarily at *True Tone Recording* studios in Nashville, with David Henry producing (*David Mead, Josh Rouse, Vienna Tang*) and a bevy of Nashville's finest helping achieve its dreamlike cohesion. The album's closing track was cut in Stavanger, Norway at *Out of Tunes Recording* with members of Thomas Dybdahl's band (Oyvind Berekvam, Eirik Lye) at the helm.

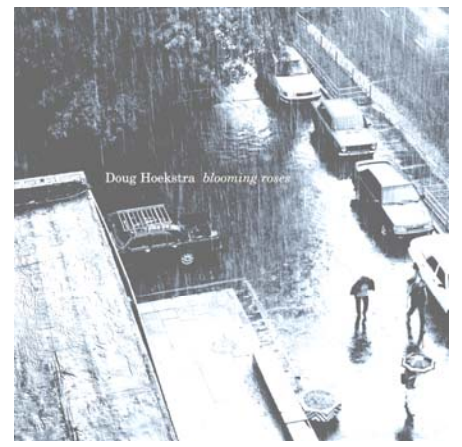
Blooming Roses also works as both companion piece and follow-up to his first full-length collection of prose, *Bothering the Coffee Drinkers*, a book that was published in 2006 to rave reviews and earned a Bronze Medal for Best Short Fiction in the Independent Publisher Awards (IPPYs). As *Paste Magazine* noted, "Music runs like a liquid vein through these 80-proof experiences. Hoekstra pours it out with a Dylan-esque fervor, giving us a sputtering catalog of beauties and terrors..." www.doughoekstra.com & www.myspace.com/doughoekstra

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Track Listing:

1. Acquired Taste
2. Blooming Roses
3. The Best There Ever Was
4. Naper Vegas Scrabble Club
5. Your Sweet Love
6. Instincts
7. Subway Train
8. Gavin Geist
9. Disrepair
10. Part of the Problem, Part of the Solution
11. Everywhere is Somewhere

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