

Mike Compton and David Long

Known as two of the foremost mandolin players on today's traditional acoustic music scene, **AcousticDisc** recording artists, the **Mike Compton** and **David Long** duet formed in 2003 after they realized they had a mutual interest in a variety of string band music - rural country blues, old time, bluegrass, and early string-band music.

Grammy winner, Mike Compton is perhaps best known as the featured mandolin player on the "**Oh, Brother Where Art Thou**" movie and soundtrack. He also performed on the "**Down From The Mountain**" Tour, as well as the Cold Mountain Tour. He has collaborated with such diverse notables as **John Hartford, David Grier, Ralph Stanley, Sting,** and **Elvis Costello**. Mike currently plays mandolin with the Nashville Bluegrass Band and was nominated for the 2005 IBMA Mandolin Player Of The Year.

David Long is described as a next-generation musician stepping forward, while keeping the traditional sounds of bluegrass in his playing and composing. He has played with the **Wildwood Valley Boys**, as well as the award winning **Karl Shiflett and his Big Show**. As part of the **Chris Sharp and David Long Band**, his CD "**One Hand On The Radio**", was received strongly by **Bluegrass Unlimited** and **Bluegrass Now**. The David Long CD "**Midnight From Memphis**" has received staunch reviews from critics including **Mandolin Magazine** and **Mandolin Quarterly**.

The **Mike Compton and David Long** CD - "**STOMP**" is available on **David Grisman's AcousticDisc** label.

quotes....

"An unmistakable musical chemistry between two of the finest practitioners..of roots-based traditional mandolin. The proof is in the music and the audience's reaction." **Scott Tichenor / Owner, MandolinCafe.com**

"Mike Compton knows more about Bill Monroe style mandolin than the Father of Bluegrass himself." **John Hartford**

"Mike is more than just traditional, although he is traditional. No one sounds like him." **David Grier**

a "new bluegrass instrumental hero" **The New York Times**

"David Long is clearly a next generation musician stepping forward to honor and keep traditional sounds of bluegrass in his playing and composing." **Country Standard Time**

discography (partial)...

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2006 STOMP Acoustic Disc

Mike Compton:

2005 Various artists **Tone Poets** Acoustic Disc

2004 Nashville Bluegrass Band **20 Year Blues** Sugar Hill ***Grammy Nominated**

2003 **Cold Mountain Soundtrack** Sony Music ***Academy Award Nominated**

2002 John Hartford **Live From Mountain Stage** Blue Plate Records

2002 Nitty Gritty Dirt Band **Will the Circle Be Unbroken** Vol.3 Liberty Records

2002 Ralph Stanley **Ralph Stanley** Sony

2001 **Down from the Mountain Soundtrack** Lost Highway Records

2000 **Oh, Brother, Where art Thou?** soundtrack Lost Highway Records ***Grammy Winning**

1996 Various Artists **True Life Blues: The Songs of Bill Monroe** Sugar Hill ***Grammy Winning**

David Long:

2005 **One Hand on the Radio** The Chris Sharp and David Long Band

2003 **Midnight From Memphis** Solo Release