



**PRESS RELEASE -
THE MEETING OF THE
WATERS - (Headwind
Records)**

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Jeff Wasserman, American expat living in Norway - songwriter, multi-instrumentalist & missionary for traditional American Folk music. He has contributed lyrics & songs to dozens artists over a 35 year songwriting career; with over 350 songs on 75 albums. Wasserman was awarded TONO's prestigious EDVARD prize in 2016 and has several Norwegian Grammy nominations under his belt.

His first solo album didn't arrive until October 2009. Jeffrey & The Free Radikals (with Garth Hudson, Fionnuala Sherry, Cindy Cashdollar, ++ and was produced by Knut Reiersrud) was a clarion call that Wasserman was a force to be reckoned with despite his late entrance on the playing field; *"... makes you wonder how far this gifted artist would have reached had he chosen a solo career earlier instead of as a songwriter."* -Rootstime, Belgium

Now, with release of his second album "The Meeting Of The Waters" which includes performances of folk/pop legend **Paul Brady**, Irish folk music legend **Andy Irvine**, **Jonas Fjeld** (of Fjeld, Andersen, Danko fame) and **Cindy Cashdollar** - one must ask the question, why do all these luminaries want to give their time and talents to Wasserman's recordings? This may be answered by **Garth Hudson's reply** to the very same question on Norway's TV2:

"He's great, we feel that Jeff follows in the tradition of great poetry and the great poets and the musical end of it is assured". - Garth Hudson

On the new album, "The Meeting of the Waters", Wasserman has collected the strands of his rich musical life (more info in bio). He boiled his songs down to fiddle tunes and presented them to his mentor from his formative teens, **Jeff Davis**, trad. American banjoist, fiddler and fiddle tune collector. Only songs that Davis found to be congruous with traditional folk music were recorded live on fiddle and guitar in Davis' living room. Wasserman travelled back to Norway and built upon the recorded fiddle tunes with his arsenal of stringed instruments; added contributions from others in his musical family from 4 different countries – Norway, USA, Ireland and Sweden which also included 18 year old daughter, Ella who makes debut on record. Other noteworthy musical comrades in his "Intergalactic String Band" are – **Claudia Scott, Knut Reiersrud, Esbjørn Hazelius, Jørun Bøgeberg, Ingunn Bjørgo, Brennen Leigh.**

"The Meeting Of The Waters" is a 100% acoustic album and was recorded using vintage acoustic instruments and with the the best vintage microphones available. The result is a

rich, warm embroidery and highly organic recording giving the listener the sense of being present in the same room as the musicians through 12 timeless songs & tunes.

T Bone Burnett - the famed artist and producer whose iconic work as music producer for the film “Oh, Brother Where Art Thou” and artists including Alison Krauss & Robert Plant, Elvis Costello and is credited with reintroducing Old Timey and traditional American folk music to a new generation of musicians worldwide, said this about Jeff Wasserman's latest work, "The Meeting of the Waters" - *“A remarkable collection of songs... One man’s journey to the center of American music, and his trip back out to make his own ... Jeff has conquered the world through his soulful discovery”*. Burnett has now written the liner notes for this limited edition vinyl release of "The Meeting of the Waters".

Wasserman designed the gatefold album cover art for this Limited Edition of 250 copies. The album comes with a lacquer cut 180g. vinyl and a digital download card so that listener can download lossless FLAC and hi-res Mp3 of the album as well. All albums or “audio prints” are hand numbered (as is common practice with art print) and hand signed.

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Links to the “The Meeting of the Waters” sampler!

