

# Matt Downer – Old Time Traveler



“One of the last, best examples of the oral tradition of American folk music.”

Marc Michael, Pulse Magazine

Matt Downer, from Chattanooga TN, performs traditional old time music on fiddle, banjo and guitar. Growing up on Sand Mountain, AL, he learned to play the songs and tunes in the local style from his grandfather and other elder musicians of the region. Through the Alabama State Council on the Arts, he spent 2 years apprenticing under Master Artist James Bryan, studying old time fiddle. Matt has performed with many legendary acts, including – Carolina Chocolate Drops, Tim O'Brien, Pokey Lafarge, Michael Hurley and Norman Blake. A performance by Matt is an example of living history and a trip back to the “good old days” of early American music.

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