

## **Brother Sun: Bio**

National touring artists Joe Jencks, Greg Greenway and Pat Wictor have made their mark as veteran singer-songwriters, but Brother Sun is no songwriter's round. The trio's harmonies, as much as their lyrics, tell what they are about: warm as a campfire, stirring as a gospel church, rousing as a call to arms. Fusing folk, Americana, blues, pop, jazz, rock, and a cappella singing, Brother Sun is an explosion of musical diversity and harmony, in the finest of male singing traditions.

From three major points on the map - Chicago, Boston, and New York - Joe, Greg, and Pat have truly blended themselves into Brother Sun, a unique celebration of the amazing power of singing together. As they will tell you, Brother Sun is not resident in any one of them - it exists between them and audiences feel this intimacy immediately. Their combined musical skills make for an unforgettable experience - three rich voices blending on a well-crafted foundation of guitar, slide guitar, bouzouki and piano.

The response has been tremendous. After main stage performances with standing ovations at both Kerrville and Falcon Ridge Folk Festivals in 2011 and sold out concerts throughout the US, this summer they earned not only return invitations to Kerrville and Falcon Ridge but also invitations to Old Songs Festival, Philadelphia Folk Festival and Kerrville Wine & Music Festival. The trio's self-titled album debuted at No. 2 on the Folk DJ Charts (it stayed on the charts for 8 months) and was named the No. 8 album of 2011 on FOLK-DJ.

In addition, Brother Sun made the "Best of 2011" list for over a dozen radio stations in the US, including WUMB (Boston), WFUV (NYC), and WFMT - The Midnight Special (Chicago). They are currently on a national tour and working on their next recording, with Grammy-winning producer Ben Wisch.

## **Quotes:**

"What happens when you unite three of the best male singers in the folk realm who already revel in harmony singing? Brother Sun. While numerous delightful female trios harmonize, few men bond that way these days (unlike the days of the folk revival when they were the norm). Added to great voices, energy and sincerity are worthy compositions in three distinct styles that bring to mind a modern day gospel." - Rich Warren, WFMT, Midnight Special, Chicago, IL

"Is there any reason why any music festival in America would not want to book this talented, versatile, can do just about any stage, trio? I can't think of any. " Anne Saunders, Falcon Ridge Folk Festival

"The real breakout artists [at Falcon Ridge] this year had to be Brother Sun... who've come together to form a trio that's all about harmony - in their music and

in their lives. Their joyful music making earned them a standing ovation in their mainstage set." -John Platt, WFUV

"I just heard one of the best new songs of my life. The song is called "Trouble," and the group is called Brother Sun. Three magnificent male voices--together. Gives me the chills--in the nicest way ever!" -Gene Shay, WXPB

".....excellent music superbly performed.....The music of Brother Sun gives us courage to strive for a better world and to make more of our own lives. Thank you for that." -Rev. Evan Keely, UU Blue Ridge, Washington, VA

"...a great collaboration." -Doug Dick, WVGN "...a really good sounding cd - both for the ears and the heart." -Dick Hermans, WKZE

"Absolutely impressive recording!" -Charlie Backfish, WUSB