



JOE MULLINS AND THE RADIO RAMBLERS- TUNED IN

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The opening cut, "Radio Intro," of the new album by Joe Mullins and the Radio Ramblers is basically a musical minute long commercial for the three radio stations that Mullins owns. Yet, advertisement or not, it still sets the right tone for this fine bluegrass CD titled "Tuned In."

Mullins is keeping the tradition of bluegrass music on the radio alive in the small towns and farmlands of Central Ohio while carrying on the legacy of his father, the legendary bluegrass DJ Paul "Moon" Mullins.



As many will remember, Moon Mullins came out of Frenchburg, Ky., as a musician and radio personality and moved to Ohio in the 1960s to begin a 25year run at WPFB in Middletown, a radio station where many bluegrass greats such as Jimmy Martin hosted shows over the years. The apple didn't fall far from the tree, as his son Joe also became a DJ and musician. Joe's recording career includes four albums on Rebel Records with his former band, the Traditional Grass, and later success with the popular IBMA award winning outfit, Longview. This new album by Joe and the Radio Ramblers keeps the time-honored traditional bluegrass sounds front and center.

The Radio Ramblers include Mullins on banjo, Wildwood Valley Boys alumnus Evan McGregor on fiddle, Mike Terry on mandolin, former Dry Branch Fire Squad member Adam McIntosh on guitar, and Tim Kidd on bass. The first song on the CD is "Each Minute Seems A Million Years," and it sets the tone of solid old-school bluegrass picking and harmony singing, a direct line back to the old homeplace. Other highlights include the McIntosh penned "Brand New Man," the instrumental "Bending The Strings," and the harmony infused gospel a cappella number, "Deeper Than The Stain." DH