

# ThorNton Creek

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Steve Miller, ThorNton Creek's bass player, insists the music is "electric front porch swing." ThorNton Creek's music explores a variety of styles that range from haunting acoustic to bluesy rock. But ThorNton Creek takes it one step further to incorporate elements of blues, jazz, and country - Americana. ThorNton Creek's music has a pleasant familiarity, but they are not clones. Thornton Bowman's lyrics and wistful Southern voice are at the heart of the band. Bowman grew up in Virginia near the Tennessee border. Many of his songs have a Southern feel. His music has been used in several documentaries, some films, around very many kegs and at least once in a Playboy video.



## ThorNton Creek features:

Thornton Bowman (lead vocals, guitar), Don Miller (electric guitar, cigar box mandola, vocals), Steve Miller (bass), and Mark Drake (drums, vocals)

## Discs

***A Different Door***, released 2012. ***Whiskey***, released July 2006. ***Six times Stronger***, recorded at Husky Doors' warehouse 2003. ***SpookyBird*** EP, five songs, rare and out of print 2000. ***Songs from the Urban Watershed***, an earlier TC lineup 1998. ***In the Kitchen of the Blacksmith***, Thornton's solo work 1996. Currently working on a new release for 2012.

## About *A Different Door*, **Altcountryforum** says:

...Thornton Bowman with his raspy vocals and vocal timbre matches Stephen Stills in his younger years....beautiful melancholic Americana music with a laidback groove. It is a relief to hear the creative melodies, compelling vocals and lyrics about everything Bowman is moved by...." (Johan Schoenmakers)

## **Victory Review** writes:

Immediately start typing after the first listen of this work, but then, no-another pass. This is good stuff. A bit country, a bit swing, at times a bit of jazz and blues feels are realized, but despite all I'm feeling, my head just keeps coming back to the musicianship heard on this work. I feel right at home with these cats. Great grooves, reasonable and cool lyrics with a purpose for each cut. This stuff doesn't just happen, it's a life style, a study and reconsidering of what could be... (Christopher Anderson)

## **Maverick Magazine** writes:

...Unvarnished folk, Americana and some country...That sound has been compared to early Neil Young and Stephen Stills but far more apposite to me is John Prine. At times songwriter and lead singer Thornton Bowman not only sounds like John Prine he writes like him... (Paul Collins)

## About *Whiskey*, **Victory Music Review** says:

...If you've ever hung out at honkytonks in a small western town watching locals two step and swing to music accented by clinking glasses, then you have experienced the feel of Thornton Creek. And if you listen only for the feel, you might miss something important: the intriguing lyrics of Thornton Bowman. Musically, this is a fun-filled album, but take a moment to sit with the lyric sheet to appreciate the craft and the wry view of songwriter Thornton Bowman... (Char Seawell)

## About ThorNton Creek, **a satisfied customer** said:

Best bar band in the world. If you are looking for a laid-back, no-attitude band to play your laid-back, no-attitude club, you couldn't ask for a better group than ThorNton Creek. We had them in more than once, and every time they packed the house.... Outstanding musicians and a really cool group of people - I just can't say enough good things about them. (Clay from Guppys West Seattle)

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