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LOST IN AMERICA MUSIC RELEASES "FIRST FLIGHT" BY TIM MENARD

Chicago label Lost In America Music is pleased to announce the release of "First Flight" (LIAM2011-01), the first solo release by veteran Chicago musician Tim Menard and his band, the Flying Nowakowski Brothers.

Tracked and mixed at Chicago's Strobe Recording, "First Flight" represents the culmination of a deep and varied music career for Menard, one that has cast him in the role of songwriter, bandleader, interpreter and sideman over the course of more than 30 years.

"First Flight" encapsulates the complete range of Menard's musical experience, from the anthemic rock of "Smoke" and "In Between" to songs like "Walkin' the Blues," "Tied to the Stone" and "Autumn Skyline," which draw on elements of folk, country-rock and blues. Tackling universal themes in a classic songwriting voice, the ten original songs on "First Flight" serve as a triptych of a rich and varied life journey, addressing themes that are simultaneously personal and approachable.

Driven by Menard's songwriting, vocals and guitar work, "First Flight" also features the contributions of Devin (guitar and keyboards), Shawn (bass) and Aaron (drums and percussion) Nowakowski, collectively known as the Flying Nowakowski Brothers. An ensemble since childhood, the Nowakowskis have backed Menard for nearly a decade and provide the album the precision and passion of a long musical acquaintance.

"With this CD, I had the luxury of sorting through a career's worth of songs and chose the ones I thought worked best together, musically and thematically," Menard said. "Some are new and some are old. But they were all chosen for this band, where we are today and what I thought was the best representation of what we do."

Menard is the primary songwriter and guitar player for the vocally driven folk group Fallen Angels, who released a well-received, self-titled CD in 2001. A performer since the age of six, he plays regularly in and around the Chicago area.

"First Flight" by Tim Menard is available at CDBaby.com, and as a digital download from iTunes, Amazon.com and other digital retailers.