



COUSIN HARLEY

“Paul Pigat and Cousin Harley play hot enough to raise sweat on a chunk of granite!”
- Ron Forbes Roberts
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BLUE SMOKE: THE MUSIC OF MERLE TRAVIS

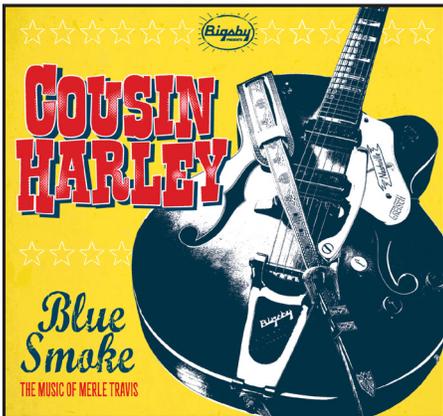
Canada’s rockabilly heros knock it out of the park once again with their 6th release! **Paul Pigat**, **Jesse Cahill** and **Keith Picot** pay homage to their hero and one of the 20th century’s most influential guitarists for what would have been his 100th birthday. Recorded at Heavy o Sonic studios in Vancouver BC, the CD features eleven **Merle Travis** classics that have been given Cousin Harley’s hallmark virtuosic rockabilly and western swing treatment and also includes one original song, Rosewood - a tribute to Travis’ birthplace.

Pigat’s affection and respect for Travis are best summed up in the liner notes: “Merle’s swinging fingerstyle playing, driving backbeat, and wry sense of humor are cornerstones of the Cousin Harley sound. Always have been; always will be. And, although we’ve taken some liberties and added a bit of the trademark Cousin Harley flair to Merle’s original recordings, we didn’t veer too far off track. Our goal was to pay homage and respect to this inspirational American music icon. Why mess with the best??”

This CD is sponsored by **Bigsby Guitars**, whose founder, Paul Bigsby, worked with Merle Travis in 1948 to build the first modern solidbody electric guitar. **The Gretsch Company** owns Bigsby today.

Blue Smoke: the Music of Merle Travis is available on November 25th worldwide physically and digitally from www.cousinharley.com, various online partners, iTunes, and CD Baby. You can always pick one up at a Cousin Harley show or local record store.

Vancouver’s Cousin Harley is the rocking hillbilly persona of Gretsch endorsee **Paul Pigat** - multi instrumentalist, composer, arranger, producer and guitarist of epic proportions. Having shared the stage with such legendary artists as Brian Setzer, the Reverend Horton Heat, James Burton and Jakob Dylan to name a few, this band has a hard-earned reputation for delivering their unique take on everything from high octane rockabilly to hot club infused western swing and all points in between. Cousin Harley is an unstoppable rock ‘n’ roll wrecking crew with a blistering live show that is not to be missed!



PAST DISCOGRAPHY

- The Dutch Sessions** (2015)
- B’Hiki Bop** (2013)
- It’s a Sin** (2010)
- Hillbilly Madness** (2006)
- Jukin’ [digital only]** (2002)

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TRACK LISTING

1. Divorce Me C.O.D. 3:38
2. Deep South 3:01
3. Blue Smoke 2:37
4. So Round, So Firm, So Fully Packed 3:08
5. Sixteen Tons 3:52
6. Too Much Sugar for a Dime 2:55
7. Cincinnati Lou 2:51
8. Re Enlistment Blues 4:04
9. Fat Gal 3:20
10. Dark as a Dungeon 3:32
11. Smoke Smoke Smoke That Cigarette 3:38
12. Rosewood 3:05



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