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Mike Allen, finally found the end of the rainbow!

Mike Allen a singer & songwriter, born in Texas, started to play for a living in 1976, when he was 16 years old, he hasn't slowed down since. He always wanted to leave home, wanted to run away from a situation, he could not find himself. A life that made him really unhappy and sad. He finally wanted to be somebody, that people take him seriously, that they see Mike as a person, as a human being, with feelings.

His first steps brought him together with the Little Walter Price Blues Band. In 1980, he switched from Blues to Country and spent years on the road, like so many others, notably looking for that kind of appreciation. But for Mike it was more than appreciation, he loved what he was doing, he loved it more than anything else, for him it was like home.

Mike Allen had a very strong history of his own in country music and as a lead guitarist in Blues like the Little Walter Price Blues Band and in Southern Rock like Southern Sin, he felt home in various genres of Country & Country Rock like for instance with Jeff Hord and the Texas Fullhouse Band, Bootleg Country, Hatfield and McCoy, DJ Daniels Band and many, many others.

He performed with top billed acts such as BB King, Albert Collins, SRV, Johnny Rodriguez, Gene Watson, Toby Keith, The Dixie Chicks, too much to mention.

He is a writer by heart and soul and his first song was recorded in 1984 and called "Whiskey and Tears". He has been an ASCAP writer and publisher since 2001.

Mike struck a new path, he went in a different direction, gone into the acoustic track, or just be a solo act and concentrating more on the songs, rather than to perform in shows. He spread his wings between Country music, his roots and the Americana, Blues and Folk music, to balance, united and get it together to one creation.

The equipment he uses are a Yamaha DW5S acoustic, a Fender Stratocaster, a Peavey ValveKing amp and Boss effects.

Mike Allen's music is real, pure and honest, whether he is singing and writing about a love went wrong, or find a new one, the pitfalls of everyday life and so many different life situations. But one thing is for sure, everyone will love Mike's songs. He only has to listen to his warm and tender voice, which has been influenced by great Texas singer and songwriter like Guy Clark, Billy Joe Shaver, Bruce Robison Rodney Crowell, Hayes Carll and so many others. Not to forget the guitarist like James Burton, Ray Flacke, Eric Clapton and Keith Urban. They all had been involved in Mike's life, without knowing, they made him the person he wanted to be, and the person he is right now.

Mike went through a lot in his life, like his youth in a stern family, a lot of trouble he didn't need at all, like a divorce and many others things, we don't want to talk about. He knows how hard life can be and what it takes to get back on your feet again and fight to survive. Finally he find the end of the rainbow, his way to feel home, in his own music and in a new marriage, with a lot of love, and finally to be in luck, with his marvelous wife Cathi.