

Doyle Dykes - Guitar Legend In The Making!

by Joey Stuckey

Over the years, I have had the true privilege to meet some remarkable people and musicians. Doyle Dykes is one of those people you never forget and who you feel amazed by every time you get the chance to be in his presence. I can say it no better than this - "There are good fingerpickers, great fingerpickers ...and then there is Doyle Dykes. This amazing guitarist brings the art of fingerstyle to new levels of technical and creative brilliance. For fingerstyle fans, it doesn't get any better than this." Pete Prown, Editor-in-Chief, Guitar Shop Magazine.

Okay, that says it all when talking about the musicianship, but Doyle Dykes the person, is even more special if you can imagine. He is so often credited with a warmth in his tone that makes his playing wonderful to listen to, but I don't think it is guitar technique at all. I think it is Doyle's spirit that comes through in his playing - and in addition to his spirit, he is a master guitar player. See what I mean?

Doyle is very much grounded in his spiritual beliefs, one of the reasons he appears in this column. His faith in God and in people are what makes him one of God's true disciples. He reaches out to the world via his music which is, as I have said many times before, the closest thing we have to knowing the language of the angels.