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## **Al Perkins Triple Play – pitching for the World Series!**

AL PERKINS today is equally at home in the studio adding his timeless pedal steel to albums by upcoming stars such as Julie Roberts, as he is adding white hot snarling lap steel to the dynamic live appearances of Kevin Montgomery, or complementing Chris Hillman's traditional bluegrass sound with his signature dobro playing.

The term 'legendary' is often over-used, however few would argue with applying the description to Grammy Award-winner Al Perkins – an ever-present on albums by artists as notable and diverse as Gram Parsons, Emmylou Harris, The Eagles, The Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, The Flying Burrito Brothers, Dolly Parton, Rita Coolidge and Cher to name but a few.

Featuring 12 new recordings, Perkins' new release *Triple Play* demonstrates a full repertoire of guitar skills from one of rock's pioneers. However, this is not a self-indulgent exercise in technique; this collection is primarily about songs, delivered effortlessly in his warm, expressive, bluesy vocals.

*Triple Play* is Perkins' first collection of music recorded specifically for release as a solo record, and features Al's sons Matt and Jess, along with friends such as Chris Eddy (Duane's son). *Triple Play* effortlessly swings through blues, country, gospel, bluegrass and even Cajun influences, and the enjoyment of being able to cut loose on his own self-penned material is clear, as Al Perkins comes up trumps with an infectious set of studio and live cuts.

Two years ago Perkins did manage to find enough time to put together a 'solo' album which was a collection of studio outtakes and rare recordings spanning the breadth of his career. *Snapshots* chronicled his associations with many of his musical cohorts, and featured long lost or forgotten recordings by the Nash Ramblers and the Flying Burrito Brothers amongst others.

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Al Perkins still manages to share around his prodigious talent, and as well as accompanying veteran country star Michael Martin Murphey on a series of US dates before Christmas, he will be performing with Nashville rising star Kevin Montgomery in his all-star band on an extensive tour of the UK and Europe throughout January. Montgomery's shows were recently described as *Habitually Awesome* by the Guardian.

*Triple Play* is the term used for a particularly outstanding play in Baseball, and outstanding is certainly a description that can be applied to this, the first collection of Al Perkins' self-penned songs and his own personal favourite standards.

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