



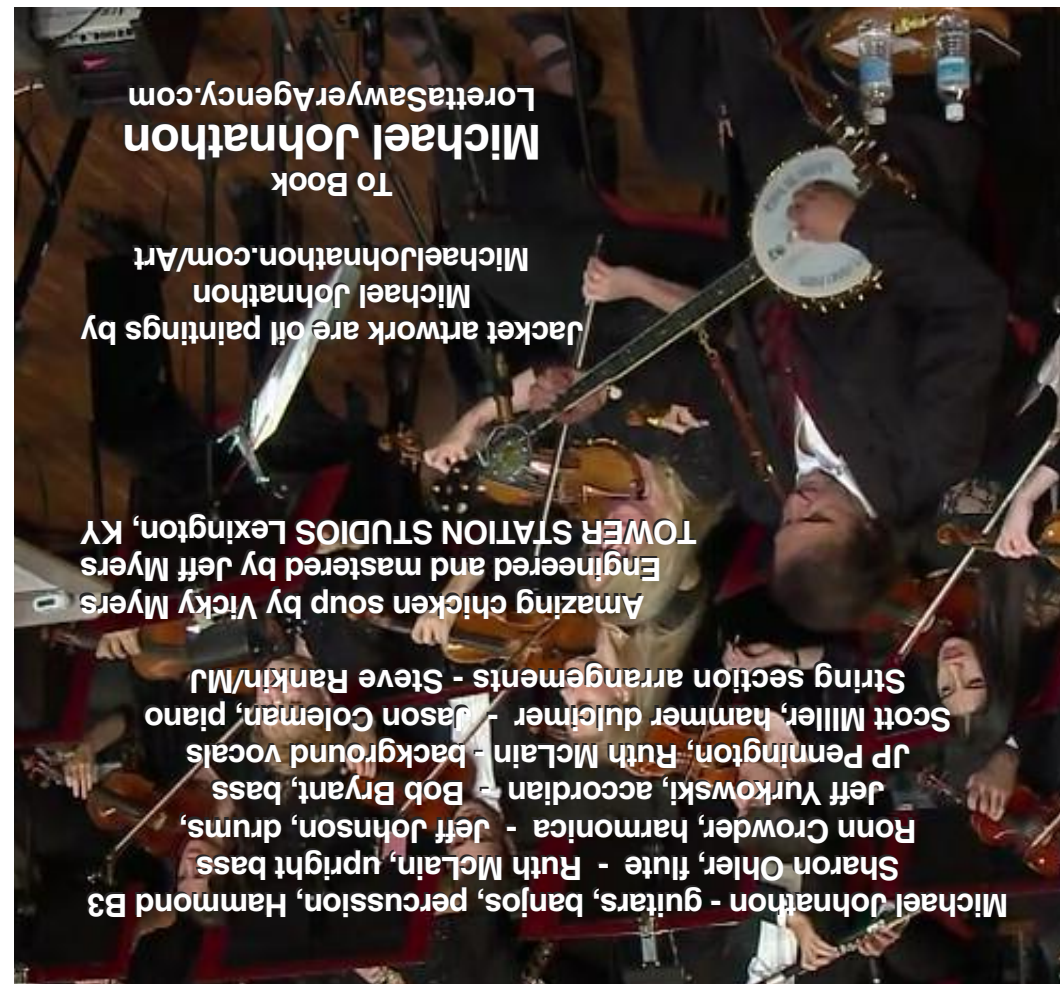
Vincent van Gogh is to the art world as Woody Guthrie and Bob Dylan are to the music world. As a songwriter I get what makes their music so revered ... they're simple and everybody wants to play them.

That is the accessibility, the simplicity that I loved. I wanted my paintings to feel just as accessible. That is why I used van Gogh as a mentor, not to copy him, but to use his inspiration as a style in my own artwork.

This album is an artistic tribute to van Gogh. "The Painter" is a derivative of the Don McLean song "Vincent (Starry Starry Night)" completely original but played to sound similar in spirit. Creatively, this album is a song cycle about art, music, love and life.

Dedicated to Makayla and Caleb.

An original oil painting by  
MICHAEL JOHNATHON



Michael Johnathon - guitars, banjos, percussion, Hammond B3  
Sharon Ohler, flute - Ruth McLain, upright bass  
Ron Crowder, harmonica - Jeff Johnson, drums,  
Jeff Yurkowski, accordion - Bob Bryant, bass  
JP Pennington, Ruth McLain - background vocals  
Scott Miller, hammer dulcimer - Jason Coleman, piano  
String section arrangements - Steve Rankin/MJ  
Amazing chicken soup by Vicky Myers  
Engineered and mastered by Jeff Myers  
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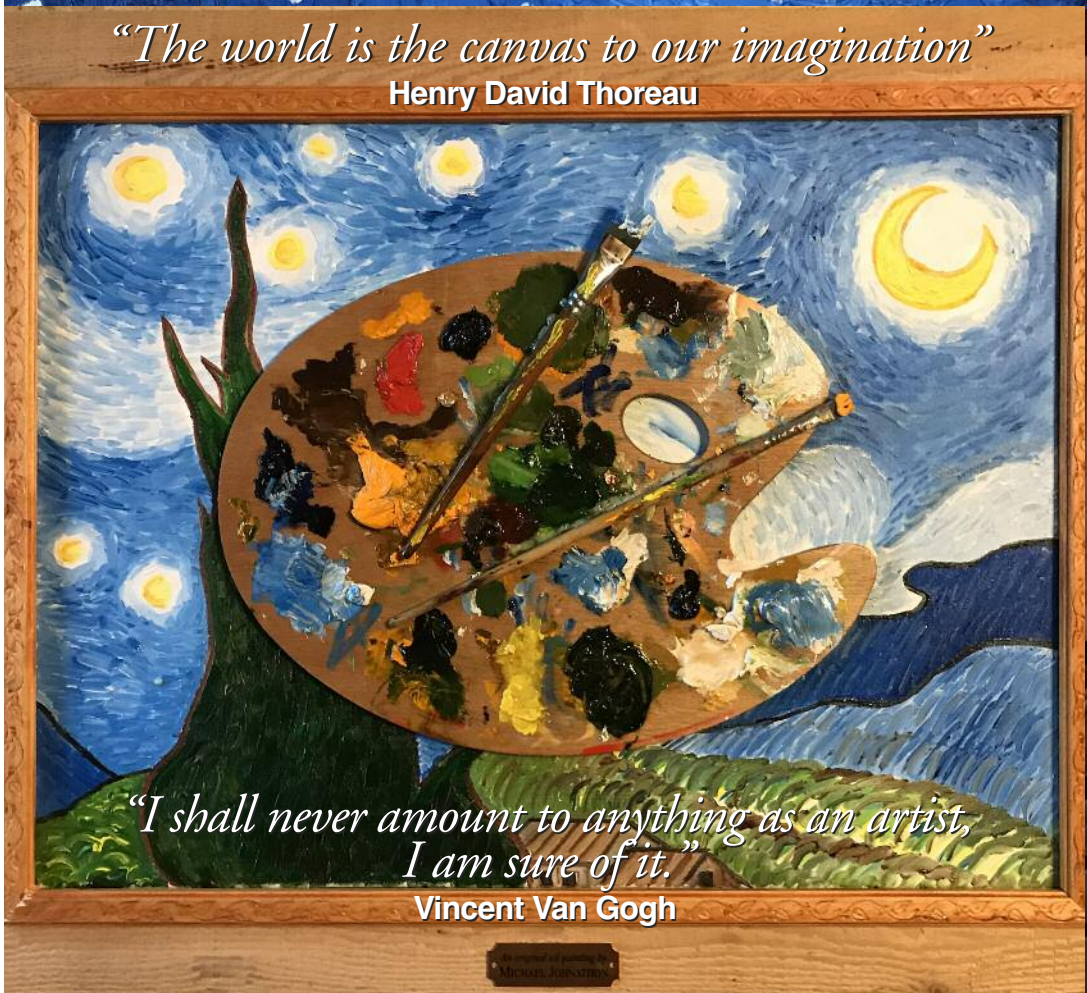
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Make You Feel My Love by Bob Dylan  
Cat's In The Cradle by Harry Chapin  
Blue Moon by Lorenz Hart / Richard Rodgers  
Vincent (Starry, Starry Night) by Don McLean

Michael Johnathon uses Martin guitars, Deering long neck banjos,  
Mark Franzke mandolins and Warren May dulcimers with Martin Strings.

Jeff & Vicky Myers, Melissa Deaton, all the musicians, Bill Wenee,  
Dick Boak/Martin Guitars, Janet Deering/Deering Banjos, Mark Franzke,  
Clay Pasternack, Jim Monaghan WDA, Roger Coleman, Steve Martin,  
Fred Anderson, Lizanne Knott, Kate Savage, Seth Tuska, Ashley Hanna,  
Robert Sherman WFUV, Cathy Currier, Bob Willcutt, Lance Cowan,  
Ed Freeman, Pam Lewis and my SongFarmerWoodSongs friends.



"The world is the canvas to our imagination"  
Henry David Thoreau

"I shall never amount to anything as an artist,  
I am sure of it."  
Vincent Van Gogh

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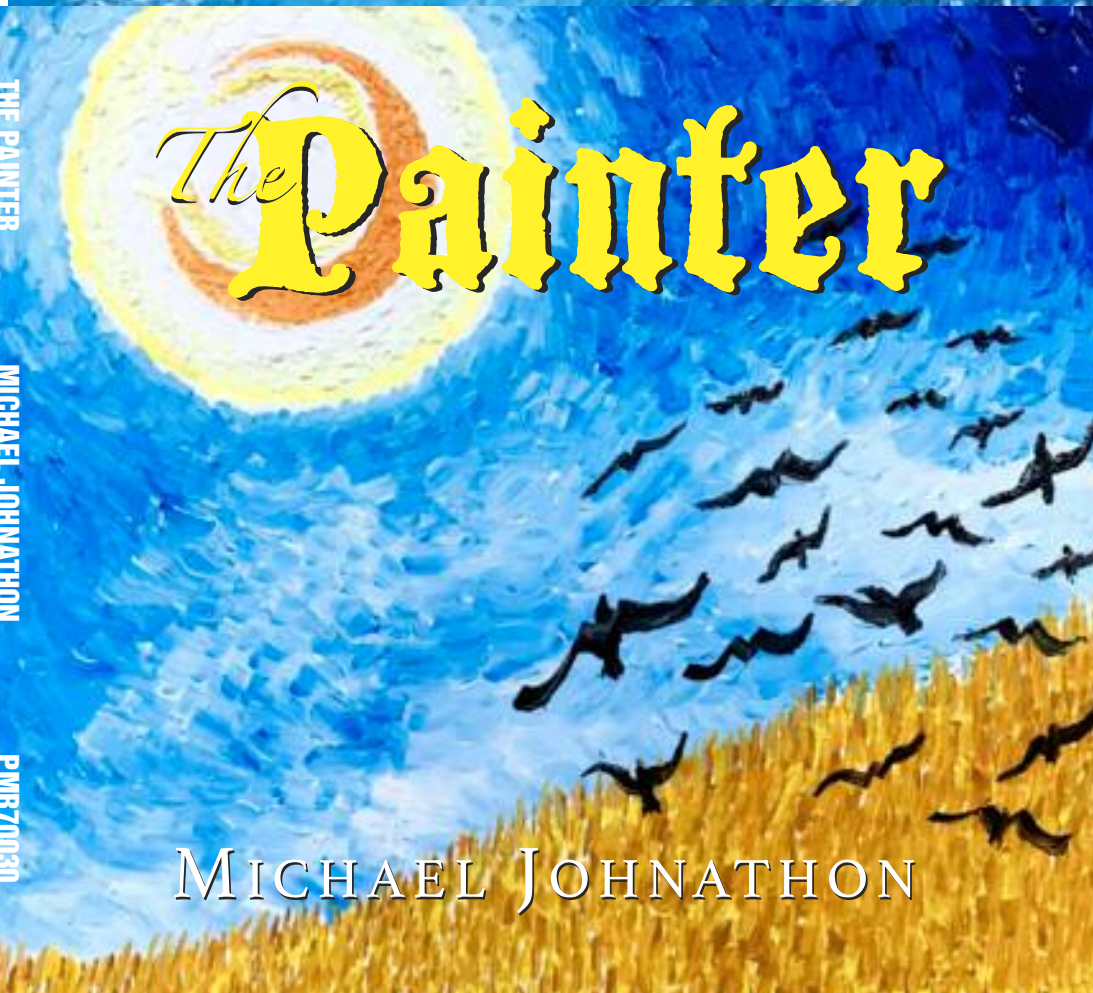
- 1 The Painter 3:42
- 2 Vincent in the Rain 2:19
- 3 Blues Tonight 2:26
- 4 Cat's In The Cradle 3:43
- 5 The Statement 3:04
- 6 The Journey 2:47
- 7 Sunday Morning 2:20
- 8 Othello 3:04
- 9 Make You Feel My Love 2:57
- 10 Blue Moon 2:30
- 11 Vincent (Starry, Starry Night) 3:54

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