

# Richard Middleton: 'WEB'

*The debut CD from one of the Northwest's most gifted songwriters*

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**Richard Middleton** is rapidly earning a reputation as one of the Northwest's most talented and versatile songwriters and performers. His songs are astonishing and riveting, both for their emotional clarity and honesty, and for their artistry. His warm, soulful voice, intricate arrangements, and masterfully groovy guitar cast a memorable spell, seamlessly blending his diverse roots in folk, rock, soul, blues, jazz, and African music.

Richard's award-winning lyrics have a distinct and original, exploring universal themes from unusual perspectives, never shying from difficult truths, yet always celebrating the mystery and the beauty of life. In Richard's tightly woven songs, every word counts, every image hits its mark, and every line works in perfect concert with his memorable melodies.



Richard's long-awaited solo debut, "WEB," was recently released and is already creating a strong buzz among musicians and listeners alike. Over two years in the making, "WEB" is the epitome of DIY recording. The album was self-produced and recorded entirely at home using a four-track cassette deck, an ancient Atari computer, tape loops, and a host of other "lo-fi" gear and methods. Pushing his equipment to the limit, Richard played all the instruments himself and used sound collage and other creative production approaches to knit the songs together into a larger whole – hence the name, "WEB." The result is a richly cinematic and moving album that many in the Seattle scene consider an underground masterpiece.

## What critics are saying:

**"Brilliant... a solo tour de force. Middleton finds the raw edge where laughter and tears meet, opening his subjects to the light in a way that readers of poetry might expect from Denise Levertov. This CD is a healing work of art." – Victory Review**

**"Terrific... Fine guitar work, a wide ranging voice that slides easily into a lovely falsetto, and skillfully crafted, poignant songs." – Dave Beck, KUOW FM**

**"A classic... strong contemporary songwriting. Recommended." – SingOut!**

## Recent concert appearances:

Seattle Folklore Society concerts  
Three Rivers Folklore Society concert  
Yakima Folklife Festival  
Numerous clubs and coffeehouses

## Recent live radio appearances:

KUOW FM  
KSER FM  
KBCS FM

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