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An award winning musician from Missouri with jazz, folk-rock and Indian raga influences, Todd Mosby is a musical storyteller and landscape artist. He uses the guitar to whisk listeners away to a borderless realm where jazz, North Indian, composition and folk-rock create transformative experiences. His latest album, *Land Of Enchantment*, is a gorgeous scrapbook of the visual, emotive, spiritual and cultural interactions found within the New Mexico region.

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Land of Enchantment, explores the mystique the New Mexico region and the passion it held for iconic American Southwest artists such as Georgia O'Keefe and Ansel Adams. Select album highlights include "Place In The Sun," "Moonrise Samba," and "Georgia's World."

Mosby is an acclaimed Indian and jazz guitarist influenced by St. Louis's vibrantly varied cultural blend of Indian, African-American, and Americana traditions and one of few musicians in America who has mastered western classical, jazz, and Indian raga musical forms, incorporating them freely as a part of his musical language. His compositions feature strong melodies, sometimes sung by female vocalists recalling the aesthetic of Brazilian musician Sérgio Mendes; virtuosic but lyrical instrumental prowess; deep-pocket grooves informed by a variety of jazz, world, and rock-based traditions. Mosby attended Berklee College of Music-undergrad, Webster University-graduate and 13 years classical North Indian music with Ustad Imrat Khan.

He has the distinction of being the only guitarist to become a member of the famed Imdhad Khani Gharana of musicians, India's most prestigious family of sitar musicians dating back 500 to Tansen in the court of Mughal Emperor Akbar. From his years studying this rarified and sacred music, Imrat worked with Mosby to develop a unique guitar technique. This led to an innovative bridge instrument, the Imrat guitar, which has been undergoing design upgrades since 1997. Built by luthier Kim Schwartz to the performance specs of Mosby and the overall sonic palette of Imrat Kahn, the resulting hybrid 18-stringed sitar-guitar instrument allows for a cross-cultural East-West musical dialogue right at your fingertips and integrated into his musical vocabulary.

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instrumental prowess; deep-pocket grooves informed by a variety of jazz, world, and rock-based traditions; and a deep sense of spiritual intent. To date, Todd has released 5 albums and one single. Along the way, he has earned raves from Windham Hill Records founder Will Ackerman; ZZAJ's Dick Metcalf; India's Music Ambassador Ustad Imrat Khan; 17-time Grammy Nominee and jazz guitar legend Mike Stern; and Berklee College of Music President, 7-time Grammy Award Winner, and jazz legend, Gary Burton.

He has earned the respect in performance and studio of the finest musicians on the scene today. Coming along for the ride on *Land of Enchantment* are A-list musicians such as longtime Prince bassist **Rhonda Smith**; jazz-fusion icon saxophonist-composer, **Tom Scott** (Joni Mitchell, Quincy Jones, Frank Sinatra); drummer **Vinnie Colaiuta** (Herbie Hancock, Jeff Beck, Frank Zappa); Grammy-winning violinist **Charlie Bisharat** (Elton John, the Rolling Stones, Shadowfax); pianist **Dapo Torimiro** (Frank Ocean, Lauryn Hill); vocalist **Laura Vall** (Stevie Wonder); bassist **Timothy Bailey** (Ariana Grande, Julia Michaels, Jill Scott); award winning Los Angeles cellist **Adrienne Woods** (Ariana Grande, Josh Groban, Christina Aguilera); two-time Grammy winning producer **Jeff Weber** (Diane Reeves, Luther Vandross, David Crosby); and Emmy and Grammy-winning engineer **Clark Germain** (Michael Jackson, Wayne Shorter, Tina Turner).

After decades as a professional musician with countless gigs under his belt, and rarely-achieved mastery of 3 challenging musical idioms, Mosby still has a child's passion for music. He says: *"Music is bottomless. I am always exploring and learning new approaches, solutions, discoveries! And each discovery opens a new world of exciting possibilities which is filled with fun, excitement and intrigue."*