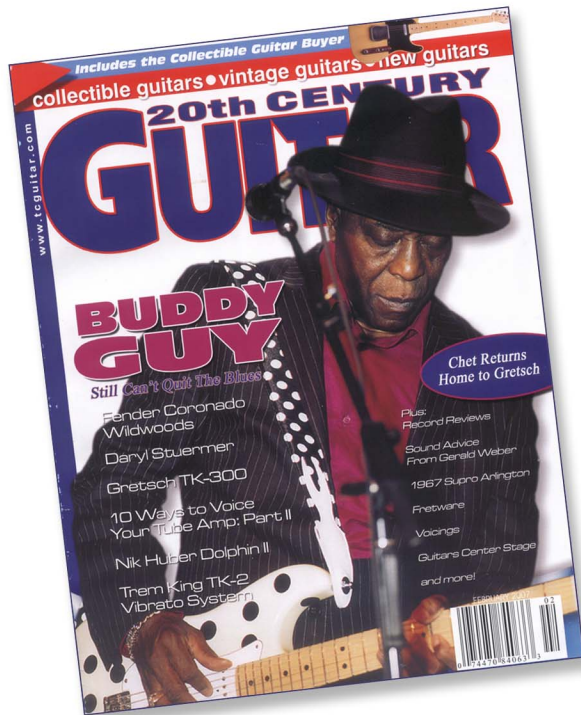


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### ANDY ROTHSTEIN

*Voodoo Tone*  
(Vermicious Knid)

Covering a multitude of musical bases, guitarist / composer Andy Rothstein will make guitar fans quite happy with the 2006 release of *Voodoo Tone*. Rothstein owns and operates his own Rothstein guitars and he recently made waves with some superb playing on the latest solo album from bassist **Tony Senatore**, who also appears here. A number of players assist Rothstein including guitarist **Vinnie Zummo** and drummer **Lou Petto**. In addition to a set-closing intro of "Giant Steps" there's a couple vocal tracks on the primarily instrumental CD. For fans of rock fusion and progressive jazz, there's plenty of superb guitar work on *Voodoo Tone* to make it well worth your while. [www.vermiciousknidmusic.com](http://www.vermiciousknidmusic.com) / [www.guitar-mod.com](http://www.guitar-mod.com)

### ANDY ROTHSTEIN

#### *Musical Background*

I've been playing guitar for about 25 years now. I had the opportunity of studying with both Kevin Eubanks and the late great Ted Dunbar at Rutgers University in the mid-80's, as well as privately with Steve Khan and Vinnie Zummo. I spent the early 90's aggressively recording and performing up and down the east



coast with New York based modern rock band The Prayer. After bouncing around as a sideman with numerous bands, my next major musical endeavor was the forming of my own band Mary's Magnet in 1995 with bassist Tony Senatore and long time friend and drummer Lou Petto. Along the way I became rather obsessed with improving the tone, playability and versatility of my instruments, which led to the eventual formation of Rothstein Guitars, a small company focused on electronic upgrades and custom guitars and basses.

#### *New CD*

*Voodoo Tone* is really my first solo record. My main objective was to really focus on what I will call "musical honesty." What I mean by this is many records today are over-processed, and over-edited, and the end result can be a bit stale. I wanted this record to be more organic and capture the energy of a true live performance. Most of the guitar solos were recorded live with the band to capture the musical interplay between guitar, bass and drums. In addition, I wanted to involve my good friends. Frank Fagnano engineered and co-produced the record. The guitar/bass/drum tracks for most of the tunes we're recorded at Marion Studios in New Jersey. One of the tunes "Retro Fuso" was graciously provided as a gift to me by one of my musical mentors Vinnie Zummo who wrote the tune and performed all rhythm section instruments as well as the first guitar solo.

#### *Favorite Guitars*

I'm using two of own Rothstein custom Teles on most of the record. One is an alder Tele with a copper finish outfitted with Fralin stock Tele pickups and the other is swamp ash Tele with an ice blue metallic finish loaded with Stephens Design Ice House pickups. I'm using my Rothstein alder sunburst Strat for the guitar solo on "#1" and my Gibson Custom Shop Pat Martino signature model for the solos on "Giant Steps," "Brain Power" and "Mojito." All of these guitars are set up with the Buzz Feiten tuning system. In addition, I'm using my Ovation Acoustic from the early 80's on "If Not Now, Then When" and "#1." As far as amps I'm using a Rivera Fandango 212 100 watt combo for most of the record along with an assortment of pedals including a Voodoo Lab Sprakle Drive, Fulltone Deja Vibe, Fulltone ChoralFlange and Boss DD-3 Digital Delay.

#### *Musical Influences*

My favorite rock guitarists are Eric Clapton, Jimi Hendrix, Alex Lifeson, Stevie Ray Vaughan, The Edge and Neal Schon. My favorite jazz players are Pat Martino, Wes Montgomery, John Scofield and Mike Stern. As far as songwriters/bands I have always been a huge fan of The Beatles, U2, Led Zeppelin and the Police. I really like the late Jeff Buckley too. As far as more recent bands I am quite impressed with the new Army of One and of course Cold Play.

#### *Web Site*

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