

**Slim Bawb**  
**"Boo Dan"**  
Swampgrass Records  
Review by Greg Forest

A friend gave me this CD awhile back to review and it arrived at the top of the review stack this issue. Better late than never.

"Boo Dan" which won a Texas Music Academy "Gone to Texas" Award in 2012, is one of Bawb's older releases (21 to date) and he has a new release coming down the pike later this year. More on that in a future issue.

Originally from California, Slim Bawb moved to Texas in 2006 and his unique version of swamp, rock, blues and Americana started catching on.

Slim Bawb plays banjo, reso-guitar, mandolin, mandola, electric guitar & foot pedal bass. He is supported by other Texas notables Lil Howard Yeargan on accordion, keyboards, harmonica & vocals and Ron Sherrod on drums & vocals.

In the real world, you can catch Brent at a number of venues across the Hill Country. In the cyber-world you can find him at [brentryanmusic.com](http://brentryanmusic.com) or visit him on Facebook for appearances and updates. Check out the voodoo hoodoo that he do so well.



**Brent Ryan**  
**"Cinnamon Pass"**  
Produced by Benjamin Solomon  
Review by Greg Forest

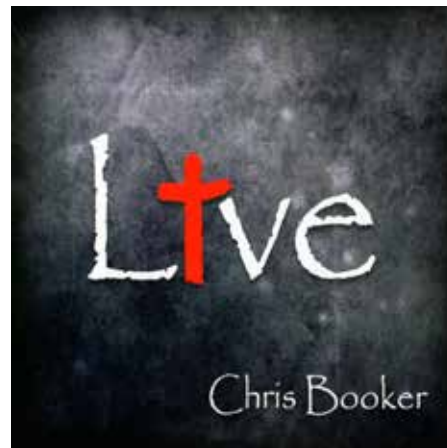
"Cinnamon Pass" is the new 11 song CD offering from Brent Ryan, a newcomer on the Texas singer-songwriter scene.

A strong tenor, Brent has an authentic Texas flavor that will make Americana fans happy.

Brent brings a great team to bear on this project including Benjamin Soloman who produced the CD in addition to playing drums and keyboards, Ben Richards on guitar and harmonica, John Reeves - the Hill Country go-to guy for upright bass and Elliot Miller on electric bass. I tight talented band I look forward to hearing live.

Brent's songs cover a wide variety of subjects familiar from the hard work of top hand wrangling, song writing and, close to my heart, a tribute to man's best friend.

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**Chris Booker**  
**"Live"**  
Produced by Chris Booker/Tony Young  
Review by Greg Forest

I hadn't gotten to the first chorus of the first song before I found myself saying, out loud, "Wow what a great voice!"

The CD is a testament to faith. Chris wrote all the songs and they describe her faith as the primary source of her talent and creativity. Life has it's trials and tribulations Chris has let her faith guide her through them all. Her path through life has had Jesus covering her back and supporting her the whole time.

Chris is in good company on this CD with Texas legend Tony Young helping with the production and recording. The CD was, get this, primarily recorded in his kitchen! You can't get much more down home than that. On the production home stretch Texas mastering guru Jerry Tubb at Terra Nova in Austin smoothed the tracks to be smooth as silk. "Live" is as sonically perfect as recordings get.

You can get "Live" on iTunes, Amazon, CD Baby and [bandcamp.com](http://bandcamp.com) on the web. Her website [chrisbookermusic.net](http://chrisbookermusic.net) will be up shortly so drop by. You can also friend and like Chris on Facebook. Five Texas-Sized Stars!



**Jeff Bryant**  
**"Sleeping With the Lights On"**  
Produced by Jeff Bryant  
Review by Greg Forest

"Sleeping With the Lights On" is the new CD by Texas artist Jeff Bryant. It has a eclectic electric vibe that pulls you in the first few bars. The music and songs are well crafted with an out of the box approach delivering a pop flavor that is aggressive and runs the gamut from sweet ballads to a bit of funk and rock. Jeff is not only a good writer with intriguing chord progressions and lyrics but an accomplished guitarist too.

The recording performances and production are A-team all the way with a big fat sound that wraps itself around the seven songs Jeff has penned on this project. It is a production he should be proud of.

My favorite cuts on the release are, "Grace," the title track "Sleeping With the Lights On," and the back beat groove of "You Don't Know."

You can pick up this jewel on iTunes and directly from Jeff's web site at [jeffbryantmusic.com](http://jeffbryantmusic.com). You can also drop by Facebook and pick the CD there and join Jeff's rapidly growing fan base. I look forward to hearing more from Jeff.