

# E-Flat Porch Band

# Bio

is named for the porch in McKinney, Texas where the members first practiced - it resonates to the key of E-Flat. Duane Brown and Rudy Littrell form the core of the band, entertaining with their unique blend of acoustic "porch music," including folk, Blues, early country, jazz and original tunes. As "angst-free" acoustic musicians, they play serious music without taking themselves too seriously.

This "Porch Music" is played on acoustic instruments and pays homage to our varied Texas musical roots. It is influenced by Country Blues, Texas folk music, Jazz and swing standards, and Depression Era country songwriters. Guitar playing styles include finger picking and slide guitar. Other instruments include the acoustic bass, harmonica, cymbal, and a drum-like instrument of their own design made out of a wooden soda pop box. This is a small band with a **big** sound.

The band is on the *Touring Artist Roster* of the Texas Commission on the Arts, and they offer workshops and performances for a variety of age groups, including school and library performances. They have been playing together for over 16 years, and have three CDs, *Porch Music*, *Pork Chop Night*, and *No Unauthorized Play*.

## **Rudy Littrell**

A self-proclaimed "recovering percussionist," Rudy has the coordination to play 4 instruments at one time--acoustic bass, high hat, harmonica, and a wooden soda pop box.

## **Duane Brown**

Duane has been making music since he was a kid, when he strummed the broom (today it's a guitar and harmonica) and sang Roger Miller songs for the neighbors.

The E-Flatters present an educational and entertaining introduction to folk music, to enable the audience to understand and appreciate the folk roots of today's music. They recognize and pay homage to many Texas musicians, who have had an important role in influencing music trends everywhere. Through their original songs, they carry on a tradition of creativity in its musical form.

The band is listed on the Texas Commission on the Arts Touring Artist Roster, a link to the listing can be found here

<http://www.arts.texas.gov/artroster/roster/show/city?city=McKinney&go=go>

Their website is [www.eflatporchband.com](http://www.eflatporchband.com)