Earl Scruggs: A Player’s Guide with Bill Evans

A Peghead Nation 8-Lesson Workshop

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Workshop 2 (March 6): Earl Scruggs and the Mercury Sessions (1948­–50) Part 1

RECOMMENDED READING

“Earl Scruggs and Foggy Mountain Breakdown: The Making of an American Icon,” by Thomas Goldsmith, 2019, University of Illinois Press. Session 2 (March 6): Chapters 7 & 8

“Earl Scruggs and the Five-String Banjo,” by Earl Scruggs, 2005 edition, Hal Leonard Corporation. Take a look at tab to “Foggy Mountain Breakdown.” I’ll help you decipher it in our March 6 class.

RECOMMENDED LISTENING

**Flatt and Scruggs and The Stanley Brothers Live on WCYB, Bristol, VA/TN 1948-49**

“Roll In My Sweet Baby’s Arms” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZyNoWW0ZeLo>

“Rainbow of My Dreams” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1oqSvQzFPbo>

“Little Glass of Wine,” The Stanley Brothers <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_6eGAAuIva8>

**Flatt and Scruggs “The Mercury Sessions” (28 cuts)**

Here’s the link to the entire album: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=OLAK5uy_klPWy3oD7-zF8TpisXJMsjJDyHNdMxTZI>

Listen to all cuts as time allows. For March 6 class, listen especially to:

“Down the Road” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pracYVZcXpA&list=OLAK5uy_klPWy3oD7-zF8TpisXJMsjJDyHNdMxTZI&index=7>

“No Mother or Dad”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wx_Yvwkizoc&list=OLAK5uy_klPWy3oD7-zF8TpisXJMsjJDyHNdMxTZI&index=12>

“Why Don’t You Tell Me So”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TRayy316BMc&list=OLAK5uy_klPWy3oD7-zF8TpisXJMsjJDyHNdMxTZI&index=9>

“Foggy Mountain Breakdown” We will discuss this tune in depth on March 6 – have your copy of “Earl Scruggs and the Five-String Banjo” handy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zLwPCxVX2Yk&list=OLAK5uy_klPWy3oD7-zF8TpisXJMsjJDyHNdMxTZI&index=11>

“Down the Road” (from “Live at Carnegie Hall,” recorded December 1962)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hRzqc1GwTBM>