

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=6eGAAulva8>

##### **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](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](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](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](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](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>