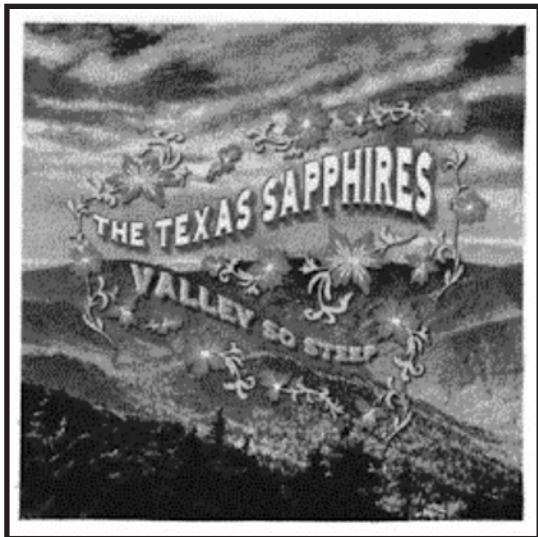


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# THE TEXAS SAPPHIRES

## "VALLEY SO STEEP" CD



### THE TEXAS SAPPHIRES VALLEY SO STEEP

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#### TRACK LISTING

1. The Emerald Outlaw (4:33)
2. Driffin' In (4:19)
3. Ladyfest, TX (3:06)
4. Bring out the Bible (We Ain't Got a Prayer) (4:14)
5. Break This Fool (3:54)
6. Dirty Me, Dirty Me (I'm Disgusted with Myself) (2:20)
7. Dirty Tattered House Shoes (3:21)
8. Deep Gap Blue (3:54)
9. Cold Silver Ring (4:24)
10. Down Hard (3:30)
11. Barstow Barstool (4:00)
12. Las Vegas (3:53)

"Best New Band"/ "Best New Local Act" – **2006 Austin Chronicle Readers' Poll /Critics' Poll**

#### OVERVIEW

Pearl-snap buttons and skull-and-crossbones belt buckles, sleeveless embroidered shirts and full-sleeve tattoos. The Texas Sapphires are not your average country band. They blend their punk and country roots to play what they know best — a unique concoction of vintage hillbilly and rock'n'roll, with perfectly-matched guy/girl vocals and energy-infused live shows.

The Austin-based country/Americana/bluegrass band combines an old-time classic mountain vibe with lyrics that give their tunes a modern edge. Praise for their live shows across Texas with the likes of **Ray Price**, **Dwight Yoakam** and **Junior Brown** caught the attention of Grammy award winning producer **Lloyd Maines**, who offered to produce and play on their debut CD, *Valley So Steep*. Austin fans showed their support by voting them **Best New Band of 2005** in *The Austin Chronicle* and at the **Austin Music Awards** on March 15, during SXSW2006.

Lead singer, guitarist and songwriter Billy Brent Malkus, raised on the family hog farm in rural Maryland, grew up listening to classic country, but it was the punk scene he jumped into at first, playing in bands like **Berserk**, **Stress Magnets**, and **Mondo Generator**, and co-writing "Tension Head" for the **Queens of the Stone Age** album *Rated R*. It was around that time that the leadsinger of 80's hair-metal band **Ratt** offered Malkus some heroin in exchange for one of his CDs. Although flattered, Malkus declined – he prefers singing and playing over drugs and booze.

Co-lead vocalist Rebecca Lucille Cannon shares similar roots, fronting '90s Austin punk powerhouse **Sincola** and touring with **Joan Jett**. With the perfect mix of **Chrissy Hynde** and **Loretta Lynn**, Cannon has found her vocal niche with The Texas Sapphires. Mandolin/banjo player Paul Schroeder, bassist Jeff Joiner, drummer Ram Zimmerman and former **CowboyJunkie** pedal steel player Kim Deschamps round out the lineup.

"The Texas Sapphires are a breath of fresh air in the boiling pot of new music in the country today... Inspired songs, great vocals and diverse band members that toss their respective musical influences into the ring...The end result is a great listen." –Lloyd Maines

#### SELLING POINTS

- This album was produced by Lloyd Maines, who has many gold, platinum, and grammy-winning albums to his credit, including hugely selling albums of artists like **The Dixie Chicks**, **Wilco**, **Uncle Tupelo**, **Joe Ely**, and many others, Lloyd is highly respected as a Country music producer.
- The band has won several recent awards, and will be touring extensively in 2006 in support of *Valley So Steep*, and the album has already been favorably reviewed in the *Austin Chronicle* ([austinchronicle.com](http://austinchronicle.com)) and other major publications.
- Advertisements will appear in various magazines and listening stations coordinated with this release. The band is represented by McGuckin Entertainment PR for publicity: (512) 698-2621 [www.mcguckinpr.com](http://www.mcguckinpr.com)

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