



**Larry Sparks**  
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*Larry Sparks 40* is arguable the best recording in recent years! This star studded celebration of Larry's 40 years in music is loaded with talent and soul! Nearly 40 artists joined Larry to record this special treasure. Without listing them all, the following will give the reader an idea of the talent: Ralph Stanley, Sharon and Cheryl White, Vince Gill, Rhonda Vincent, the Isaacs, Tom T. Hall, Stuart Duncan, Andy Griggs, Alison Krauss, Don Rigsby, Carl Jackson, Rebecca Lyn Howard, Larry Cordle, the Marshall Family, and a host of other excellent singers and musicians. Yet, with all the diverse talent the soulful and rich warmth of Larry Sparks is central to the recording.

The 16 song selections on *Larry Sparks 40* span his entire career. Many are covers from old and recent albums and a few tunes are new. From his Stanley years come "Love Please Stay" and "Sharecropper's Son." Fans will delight in the familiar "John Deere Tractor" and "Tennessee 1949." Other favorites include the beautiful "Brand New Broken Heart" and "It's Too Late to Walk the Floor." Another wonderful vocal performance is Paul William's "Listen to the Wind." Remarkably, all remakes are new to the ear! In the Gospel area, Tom T. Halls "I Want You to Meet My Friend" combines beautiful vocals with inspiring lyrics. "Where the Sweet Water Flows" and "I Need Jesus" testify that faith is important to Larry. Musicianship sparkles on "Blues Stay Away From Me" and the instrumental "Carter's Blues." There are some new songs, too. Marshal Warwick's, "City Folks Call Us Poor" and "1-800-D-U-Care," are bound to become classics.

*Larry Sparks 40* is a rich and historic recording and a career highlight for Larry Sparks. For music fans, it is a "need to have" delight! **LM**