

# Midwest Record

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MICHAEL J. MILES/A-Sides: This guy has played around the world in some serious company and yet he still feels like Chicago best kept secret. Pushing aside his banjo chops on this outing to show us what he can do on guitar, he defies all expectations by putting out what should be a gift shop record and turning things on their heads. Covering pop hits from the 20s through the 70s, no matter how hoary the track, Miles finds music in it you never heard or anticipated and serves it on a nicely polished silver platter. Utterly killer stuff from one of the leading light of contemporary instrumental music and a winner throughout. He didn't even need to hire a ringer like Darol Anger to make this set stand out from the pack. - Chris Spector