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The Pine Valley Cosmonauts CD Release Party *by Robert F. Cabella*

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"I love [the Pine Valley Cosmonauts CD], especially the version of "Faded Love." They did a great job. Because they had a core band and in each song and you can tell it is the same group, they captured the spirit and essence of my Dad's music better than anyone."

Rosetta Wills, Sept. 1998

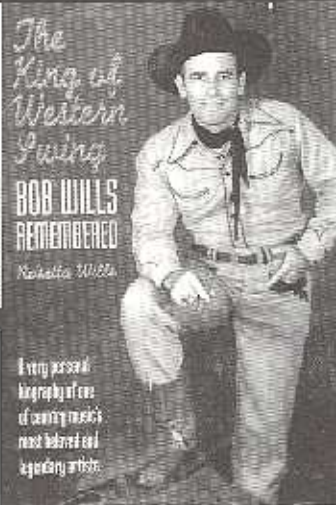
It's Texas swing, Chicago style!

To celebrate the release of The Pine Valley Cosmonauts Salute the Majesty of Bob Wills...

Guitarist/singer/co producer Jon Langford (and friends) turned Fitzgerald's upside-down with the late Texas maverick's brand of scorching Texas swing. Both Langford and Kelly Hogan did extra duty at the microphone to sub for trans-continental (and trans-Atlantic) absentees. In taking over for the missing Jane Baxter Miller and Neco Case, as well as in commandeering her already trademarked version of "Drunkard's Blues," Hogan nearly stole the show! Not to be outdone, Sally Timms, Bob Boyd, Edith Frost, Dean Schlabowske, and others all took turns at the mike, with each performance more intense than the last. John Rice fiddled like there was no tomorrow, and Pin Dog's Dave Crawford deftly handled trumpet and accordion. After the group ran out of songs from the album, they launched into a set of tunes from the Bloodshot re-release of the Cosmonaut's Misery Loves Company, a tribute to the music of Johnny Cash, including a wonderful calypso tinged version of "I Still Miss Someone."

Due to the transient nature of the lineup, live performances by the Cosmonauts are rare indeed. For these fortunate enough to be at Fitzgerald's that night, they saw the show of a lifetime. For those who weren't, buy the album!

Kelly Hogan shows the audience how to get down Pine Valley style



A very personal biography of one of country music's most beloved and legendary artists.

SOMETHING EXTRA!!!

The King of Western Swing Bob Wills Remembered

In 1993 Bob Wills image was forever put on a US Postage stamp. Unfortunately in the same year, his daughter Rosetta Wills, lost her only son. "I began writing to overcome the grief. To escape what had happened I began to write a journal to Chad (her son) and it occupied my life. I felt compelled to write.

Somehow it became more of narrative than a journal. I also began telling Chad about my father." In the early '70s, Rosetta wrote a short article about the first time she had met her father for a class project.

When she moved to Austin in 1989 she rewrote it and the Journal of Country Music Published it. This short article combined with what she had written in these journals makes up a wonderful book about the life and times of Bob Wills.

It is not only a biography of this incredible man's life, it is story of a young girl who never really knew her father. "There was alot I didn't know but I came to understand and know more. Writing this book made me feel that I knew him better."

Whether you have been a long time fan of Bob Wills or if you never heard of him before I suggest reading *The King of Western Swing: Bob Wills Remembered*. It is informative as well as entertaining. Anything you wanted to know about this extraordinary showman, extremely talented fiddler, and the man that some considered a "magician" is all right here, in a book written with the love that only a daughter could express.



Dave Crawford, Jon Langford, Kelly Hogan, & John Rice

Jon Langford

