



## DUCK BAKER

### Breakdown Lane: Free Solos & Duos 1976-1998

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## DESCRIPTION

"**Duck Baker** should be a national treasure. He should be an international treasure. Should be? In my book he already is. I first came across his work in the 1970s on early **Kicking Mule** LPs in my local library in the UK, which was his temporary base then, and is his permanent home now. Many years later I was astounded by *Spinning Song*, his CD of **Herbie Nichols** compositions. Around the same time, I made contact with him by way of thanks following a review he wrote of my work on *Stuff Smith* and, later, other historic violinistic books and CDs. Duck's knowledge and learning about the ancestry of so many musical genres is prodigious, whether jazz, avant-garde, improvisation in general, various forms of country music, Irish, blues, ragtime, swing, you name it. He draws on so much to make his own unique playing and composing. And none of it is to go by the troublesome term 'appropriation;' Duck absorbs, pays tribute, and is himself, wherever his fingers might move across his flamenco guitar, including, of course, its wood body. This previously unreleased collection consists of fourteen solos and two duos with **Eugene Chadbourne**. The performances are drawn mostly from demo sessions or live recordings, and were recorded at various locations between 1976 and 1998. They run the gamut of moods and tempos, from the reflective 'Peace' and brooding 'Like Flies' to burners that rank with Baker's most animated free playing on record, like the title track, 'No Family Planning,' and 'Buffalo Fire.' The only so-to-speak standards are **Thelonious Monk**'s 'Straight, No Chaser' and **Billy Strayhorn**'s 'Take the 'A' Train,' the latter featuring fascinating and humorous interplay between the two guitarists?. Duck's catalogue is now vast, including a recent CD release of Thelonious Monk compositions, which beautifully complements the aforementioned Nichols CD. As well as solo efforts, past records include collaborations with the likes of **Chadbourne, Roswell Rudd, John Zorn, and John Butchers** or, at the other end of the spectrum, **Stefan Grossman, John Renbourn, Leo Kottke, Molly Andrews, and Maggie Boyle**. I, for one, never tire of listening to Duck playing in whatever context. He is a master and every recording is a gem." **-Anthony Barnett**

## TRACKLISTING

01. Allah, Perhaps
02. Peace
03. No Family Planning 1
04. Klee
05. Like Flies (Requiem for Bobby Fussell)
06. Breakdown Lane
07. Yewatta
08. Buffalo Fire
09. No Family Planning 2
10. Eusebia's Lament
11. 47 East Houston St.
12. 2:29 in Unleavenworth
13. Sonadem Sol
14. Breakdown Lane (duo version)
15. Take the 'A' Train
16. Straight, No Chaser

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- RIYL: **Roswell Rudd, John Zorn, John Butchers, Stefan Grossman, John Renbourn, Leo Kottke, Molly Andrews.**

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