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The father of Hick-Hop, Kevin Russell was among the first to fuse hip-hop with country and roots styles when he recorded Snoop Dogg's "gin and juice" one of the most famous covers and most downloaded songs of the Napster/P2P era. A thirty year live and recorded music veteran, Russell has spent the majority of his career in Austin, Texas working with others to elevate and maintain that city's profile as the national treasure it is. 10 albums written, produced and recorded with The Gourds aka "The National Band Of Texas" established him as an institution in the "city of weird." As a national touring act in the emerging Americana movement he garnered a song of the year nomination in 2009 at the AMA's for his composition, "Country Love." He now performs, writes, records, produces for his band, "Shinyribs." They have released 3 critically acclaimed recordings and tour extensively. The fourth recording, "I Got Your Medicine" due fall of 2016.