

# AKIRA OTSUKA

## *First Tear*

Patuxent Music

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Akira Otsuka's CD *First Tear* is a very innovative venture. He includes songs that would fit into many genres of music. Akira wrote 10 of the 14

songs on this CD and most of them have an extremely progressive sound. He enlisted the help of many bluegrass stars to help him make a wonderful recording that should get lots of airplay across the country. He pays tribute to John Duffey with an excellent version of *Heartaches* with the help of former Country Gentlemen Eddie Adcock and Tom Gray. Other selections include *White Orchid*, *Touch Of Time*, *Daddy Long Legs*, *Dodging Raindrops*, *Pink Special #3*, *Bash*, *Prince George's Mandolin*, *Node 18 Conversion*, *Long Black Jacket*, *Evanston Slide*, *Line Drive*, *Blue*, *Time For New Green*, *Heartaches*, and *First Tear*. This is a CD that all mandolin enthusiasts need to incorporate into their collection. **BMP**