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PAST RECOMMENDED SHOWS:

10/12/07 @ Continental Club

Charlie Louvin

Charlie and Ira Louvin defined the high/lonesome bluegrass harmonies of the Fifties before Ira's alcoholism and subsequent death forced Charlie to follow "The Christian Life" alone. Last spring's self-titled LP, the younger Louvin's first in 10 years, returned Charlie to Louvin classics, his voice haunted by Ira's absence but patriarchal alongside guests like Jeff Tweedy and Will Oldham. Dallas quintet Eleven Hundred Springs steel the show early, with headliners the Texas Sapphires dropping newly cut Roadhouse Gems.

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