



Library programs

Music

ADULT • YOUNG • INTERGENERATIONAL

with

Mark Dvorak

THE AMERICAN FOLK SONG



An entertaining program that illuminates the roots of American music through examples from African-American & British Isles traditions. Featuring songs, oral history, demonstrations, songs from

the Old Town School of Folk Music in Chicago, and the music of American folk masters such as Lead Belly, Win Stracke & Woody Guthrie.

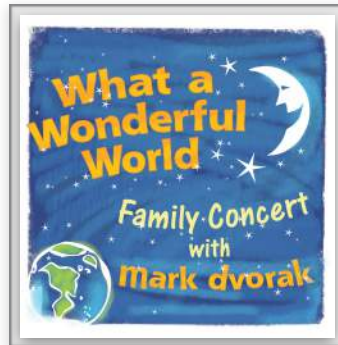
JUST SOMETHING MY GRANDMA USED TO SING

An autobiographical and entertaining program of songs and stories for intergenerational and senior audiences. Mark performs classic material from the American songbook, folk favorites and sing-alongs, accompanying himself on guitar and 5-string banjo. He weaves stories from his childhood and shares experiences from the Old Town School of Folk Music. Humorous and engaging, this is one of Mark's most popular programs.



WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD FAMILY CONCERT

A wonderful musical presentation for kids & families - perfect for summer reading! Mark captures the innocence, strength and beauty of American folk music in this engaging and interactive program. Great songs, stories, different instruments & more! Get in touch for availability & pricing.



A TRIBUTE TO PETE SEEGER

The program features Mark Dvorak leading the audience through some of Pete Seeger's best-known songs: "If I Had a Hammer," "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" "Kisses Sweeter Than Wine," "Turn, Turn, Turn" and others. Complete with personal anecdotes & biographical information.



Mark Dvorak has served as a resource for libraries and community organizations across the country for more than twenty-five years. Find out how easy it is to bring Mark to your library for a memorable performance!

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Mark Dvorak is a musician, teacher and songwriter. He lives along the Des Plaines River in Riverside, Illinois. When not on the road, he teaches at Chicago's Old Town School of Folk Music, where he's been on faculty since 1986.

He has given concerts in almost all of the United States and has made visits to Finland, Canada and Ireland. To date, Dvorak has released sixteen albums of traditional and original music, including Waterbug's acclaimed *Time Ain't Got Nothin' On Me*.



Dvorak has won awards for children's music, journalism and was honored in 2008 with the Woodstock Folk Festival Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2013, he received the FARM Lantern Bearer Award from Folk Alliance International.

The *Chicago Tribune* has called him, "masterful," and the Fox Valley Folk Festival describes him as "a living archive of song and style." In 2012, WFMT Midnight Special host Rich Warren named Dvorak, "Chicago's official troubadour."

In 2013 he published his second collection of essays and poetry, *Bowling for Christmas & Other Tales from the Road*.

THE LIFE & SONGS OF WOODY GUTHRIE

A scripted, 55 minute presentation which includes biographical background on Guthrie, readings from his vast collection of essays & letters, and of course, lots of great songs from America's iconic folk ballad maker.

- *Woody Guthrie's birthday is July 12.*



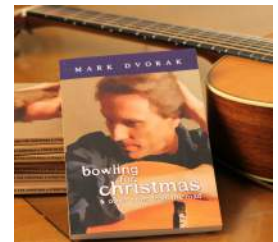
ONCE I HAD AN OLD BANJO

A concert packed with songs & interesting stories about the origin & evolution of this uniquely American instrument. The program includes selections from the historic minstrel show era, songs and lore from old-time mountain traditions, and examples from the masters of the 5-string banjo including Earl Scruggs & Pete Seeger.



STORY & SONG

In 2013, Mark published his second collection of essays & poetry, *Bowling for Christmas & Other Tales from the Road*. This unique & entertaining presentation includes Dvorak performing an array of songs and reading selections from his book. A special program to offer around the holidays.



THE PEOPLE, YES

A timeless presentation celebrating the poetry of Illinois native Carl Sandburg and his American Song Bag. Compelling verse from Sandburg's epic *The People, Yes* & an entertaining musical portrait of the American essence.

- *April is National Poetry month.*
- *Carl Sandburg's birthday is January 6.*

A TRIBUTE TO LEAD BELLY

Along with Woody Guthrie, Huddie Ledbetter is regarded as one of the great American folk song performers. In 1991, Dvorak wrote & produced *Lead Belly's Legacy*, an audio documentary which aired in 160 cities & earned him a Peter Lisagor Award for journalism. Dvorak & Suzanne Strom recreate the original script, complete with narration & thirteen classic songs performed on a replica of Lead Belly's famed 12-string guitar.

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