

PROGRAM BY SINGER/SONGWRITER

Charlie Maguire

Celebrating
50 years
of
songwriting

TITLE:

Singing Ranger: Songs & Stories of the Mississippi River & Minnesota State Parks

Bring the history, beauty, and spirit of Minnesota to life with award-winning singer-songwriter Charlie Maguire. Through unforgettable songs and engaging storytelling, Charlie shares the people, places, and traditions that have shaped the Mississippi River and Minnesota's State Parks.

As the National Park Service's first—and only—"Singing Ranger" (1995–2003), Charlie composed an acclaimed collection of songs celebrating the Mississippi River and the people whose lives are intertwined with it. Favorites including "Pilot Daddy," "Great Mississippi," and "Light the River" became beloved tributes to America's great river. His work reached a national audience when he performed live on *Good Morning America* before more than four million viewers.

Earlier, as Centennial Troubadour for Minnesota State Parks and Trails, Charlie traveled more than 14,000 miles, presenting 135 concerts across the state. His original songs, including "Itasca," "George Bongas," and "Mary Gibbs," celebrated Minnesota's parks and the people who made them special. His song about pioneering park ranger Mary Gibbs inspired the creation of the Mary Gibbs Mississippi Headwaters Center at Itasca State Park.

To extend the experience, audiences receive a printable reading list featuring books about the Mississippi River, Minnesota's State Parks, and the people and history behind the songs.

This entertaining and inspiring program is a heartfelt journey through Minnesota's natural and cultural heritage. Invite your patrons to experience the songs, stories, and memories that continue to connect generations of Minnesotans to the places they love. Charlie's printable Reading List offers even more

"Hired in 1995, Maguire is the only official "Singing Ranger" in the U.S. Park Service."

—ABC News

"I'm sure the listeners were entertained, but better than that, I'm sure they learned quite a bit about the origin of our State Parks."

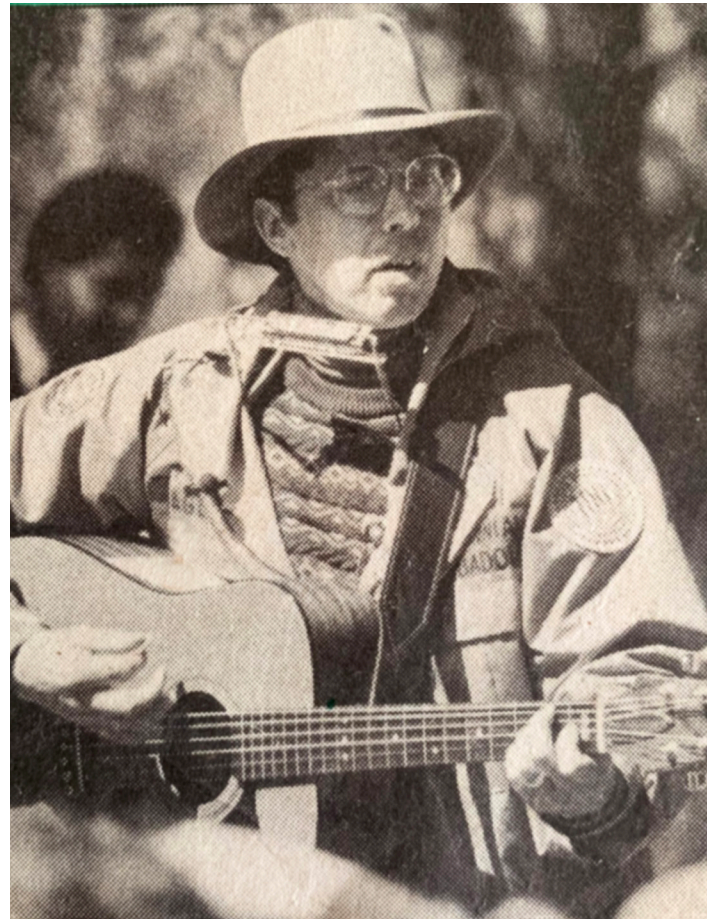
—Bill Morrissey, Director MNDNR Parks and Recreation (1991)

"Excellent audience interaction! One of the best Legacy Programs I've seen! Charlie was very informative and knows what he is talking about. He had a very powerful voice, good music, and was wonderful to talk to. A fantastic program."

—Arrowhead Library System (2025)

"Your dedication to the pursuit of excellence in the Interpretive Profession is to be commended."

—Robert Stanton, Director, National Park Service (1997)



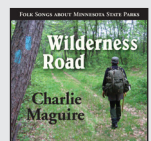
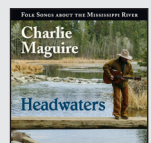
CONCERT LENGTH:
60–75 minutes
AUDIENCE SIZE:
unlimited
AUDIENCE TYPE: all ages



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All songs from
this program are
included on these
albums by
Charlie Maguire