

PROGRAM BY SINGER/SONGWRITER

Charlie Maguire

Celebrating
50 years
of
songwriting

TITLE:

The U.S. Semiquincentennial Songs of America's Hometowns

DESCRIPTION:

AS THE UNITED STATES marks its 250th Anniversary (semiquincentennial) as a nation in 2026, a new program by Charlie Maguire is here! The first Singing Ranger in the National Park Service and Outreach Artist for the Smithsonian's Traveling Exhibition Service, Charlie brings a semiquincentennial collection of his songs with emphasis on the lives of everyday people in the rural United States: farmers, wilderness preservers, small business owners — those who put down deep roots in an Americana then grew and prospered.

The program is also leavened by the American Songbag of working women and men: "Red River Valley," "City of New Orleans," "Roll on Columbia," best sung all together in remembrance of a thousand campfires along a trail, a railroad track, or by the side of the road. Performed on guitar, harmonica, jawharp, spoons, and the frying pan — the essence of the American Spirit spills out in this collection of original and traditional songs by a master folksinger and recording artist.

Charlie's recent spring 2025 tour: **Going to Bartalina: Songs and Stories of Commercial Sailing on the Great Lakes** earned accolades from the Arrowhead Library System's director and librarians:

"[The] results were fantastic! Not only did we receive more feedback forms than usual, but the feedback was entirely positive — you rated 5/5, which is extremely rare."

"A legend in the Midwest"
—Winnipeg Folk Festival

"Unless Bob Dylan crashed the party you could not find a more apropos Minnesota musician."
—Jon Bream/*Minnesota Star Tribune*



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



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