

Charlie Maguire

Songwriter and musician, composing and performing songs in the American folk tradition

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EDUCATION

B.S., Philosophy and English, Northland College, Ashland, Wisconsin

COMMISSIONS

- *Orphan Train* (a musical), Great American History Theatre, St. Paul. Fifteen songs about the lives of orphaned children shipped by rail from the slums of New York City to farm families in the Midwest in the late 1800s.
- *Mesabi Red* (a musical), Great American History Theatre, St. Paul. Eighteen songs about the lives of miners in northern Minnesota's Iron Range.
- "Bobby & Darla," commissioned by Domestic Abuse Project, Minneapolis. Proceeds raised at event featuring the song were the largest in the organization's history.
- "North Country National Scenic Trail," commissioned by the North Country National Trail Association of the National Park Service, a seven state hiking trail from New York to North Dakota.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- Finalist, Marion Fellowship, State University of New York at Fredonia.
- Humanities Scholar, Minnesota Humanities Commission, St. Paul.
- Ucross Foundation Fellow.
- Fulbright Scholar, U.S. Department of State, Bavaria, Germany — taught high school students about Bob Dylan and American Blues Music.
- Fulbright Scholar, U.S. Department of State, Malta — wrote songs about the environment with students at De La Salle College.
- American Composers Forum — traveled on a U.S. Coast Guard vessel *Sundew-WCB404* to write songs about working the Great Lakes, buoy replacement, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's work on Isle Royale.
- Bush Foundation Artist Fellowship — rode ore and grain freighters (merchant vessel *Nordic Trader* and SS *William Clay Ford*) from Duluth to Montreal and through the St. Lawrence Seaway writing songs about the crews, the shipping industry, and oceangoing journeys.
- Minnesota State Arts Board Individual Artist Grants — wrote songs about the Great Lakes and mining on the Iron Range.

CONCERTS

Performed at venues such as: Big Top Chautauqua, Washburn, WI; folk festivals in Winnipeg, Toronto, Vancouver, and Chicago; and historical societies, state parks, and art centers throughout the United States and Europe.

GRAND OPENING CELEBRATIONS, KEYNOTE MUSIC

- National Eagle Center, Wabasha, Minnesota
- Mary Gibbs Headwaters Visitor Center, Itasca State Park, Minnesota
- Minnesota History Center, St. Paul, Minnesota
- Walker Art Center Sculpture Garden, Minneapolis, Minnesota

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

- **Minnesota Veterans Association Adult Day Center** — Founded award-winning OSS: Operation Sight & Sound, a program that combines songwriting and photography with Veterans.
- **"Singing Ranger," Mississippi River National Recreation Area, National Park Service U.S. Dept. of the Interior** — Researched stories and people of the Mississippi River's history and documented them in original songs performed throughout the National Park on stages, riverboats, bridge dedications, and more. Fifteen songs recorded for the album "Great Mississippi," produced by the Park Service.
- **"Centennial Troubadour," Minnesota Department of Natural Resources** — Traveled the state writing songs about the people, places, and history of the parks that resulted in a 26-song album produced by the DNR.

- **Smithsonian Institution / Minnesota Humanities Commission** — Wrote original songs to reflect themes of four Museum on Main Street touring exhibits.
- **COMPAS**, St. Paul — Songwriter in schools, public libraries, and community centers writing songs about people's lives, towns, interests, and joys.

AWARDS

- Freeman Tilden Award, National Parks and Conservation Association, Midwest Region — the highest award given for interpretation of National Parks.
- Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota, Outdoor Excellence Award, for outstanding service to the Minnesota outdoors.
- Emmy "On the Road" in *Best Magazine* (Composite/Music) KSTP-TV
- Gold Award: International Film and TV Festival of New York — for original song in movie "Your Heart A Star on TV," commissioned to explain heart surgery
- OSS: Operation Sight & Sound has won the Minnesota Veterans Home Initiative Award, the Leading Age Innovation Award, and the Minnesota State Government Innovation Award

RADIO AND TELEVISION

- *Woody's Children*, hour-long radio interviews about songwriters influenced by Woody Guthrie, WFUV, Fordham University
- Public Radio International: *A Prairie Home Companion*, *Options in Education*, *All Things Considered*, *Car Talk*.
- *Good Morning America* (ABC-TV), "In Search of America: 50 States, 1 Nation, 1 Year Tour." Interviewed by Diane Sawyer and sang original songs about the Mississippi River.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Board of Directors, American Federation of Musicians/Local 30-73
- Harry Fox Agency, New York (publishing)
- Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI)
- CMRRA (Canadian Musical Reproduction Rights Agency), Toronto, Canada (publishing)

RECORDINGS

- *Woody Reflected*
- *Good Eye Blind*
- *Wilderness Road*
- *State Park Tapestry*
- *Headwaters*
- *Great Mississippi*
- *Harbour Lights: The Second Voyage*
- *Long Way to Another Friend*
- *Biography*