

American Journey
The people, their songs and stories
Written and performed by
David Malmberg
Guitarist/Vocalist/Humorist

American Journey is a potpourri of our musical roots as a people. Past and present, it is American culture through music and story that we the people have talked about, laughed about, cried about, and sung about for almost 250 years. There are moments of poignancy, intellectual curiosity and outright laughter all woven together in a virtuosic and entertaining tapestry of guitar and vocal music.

David Malmberg is the creator of American Journey. He calls himself a folksinger, but his training as a classical guitarist with America Martinez in Sevilla, Spain really puts him in another league. Called a treasure by Hugh Downs, former anchor of ABC's 20/20, Mr. Malmberg's exquisite style of playing and singing lends a unique artistry to his concerts.

With a vast repertoire at his disposal, (David has recorded 15 albums) the music integrates many styles including classical, jazz and other contemporary musical idioms. American Journey features songs about young love (Shenandoah) early America hymns (Simple gifts) circuit riders, (Reverend Mr. Black) the Civil War, Follow the Drinking Gourd) riverboat travel (Mark Twain) plus, contemporary offerings of historical interest from the 20th century and beyond. In addition, David also breathes new life into well-known melodies by offering classical guitar arrangements of many standards from the folk repertoire bringing his vast musical experience to bear making the program rich and intricate.

Says David: "It is funny how life comes full circle. I cut my teeth on Americana but through the years have devoted myself to many other forms of composition. Now, here I am, back where I started from, once again drawing from the intensely rich musical heritage that is ours to share as Americans."

With a master's degree in music, he also provides a scholarly touch to American Journey without becoming overly academic. In his words, "All these songs have wonderful stories connected to them. Stories that breathe new life into songs that are sometimes hundreds of years old."

David is accompanied by bassist Tom Pieper. David takes great pride in the abilities of Tom and considers him an integral part of the live sound.