

We The People, Songs and Stories of America

We the People 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 over 235 years. There are moments of poignancy, intellectual curiosity and outright laughter all woven together in a virtuosic and entertaining tapestry of guitar, Bass and vocal music.

David Malmberg is the creator of *We The People*. He calls himself a folksinger, but his training as a classical guitarist with America Martinez Serrano, Conservatorio De Musica, in Sevilla, Spain and Flamenco guitarist Oscar Herrero, Madrid, 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 10 CD’s of original compositions from gospel to solo guitar) his music integrates many styles including classical, jazz, and other contemporary musical idioms. Consequently, *We the People* will have a broad palette. Though much of the music could be defined as Americana, Malmberg brings to bear his vast experience in many idioms of music making the program rich, intricate and historical. *We the People* features songs about young love, (Shenandoah) early American 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.

Malmberg says, “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. It is really quite fulfilling.”

With a Master’s degree in music, he also provides a scholarly touch to *We The People* without becoming overly academic. In his words, “There is nothing stuffy about the show. My primary intention is to remember our rich American heritage through song, story and humor.”

David is accompanied by bassist Nick Allen. Nick holds a B.A. in performance and education from Lawrence University in Appleton, Wi. David takes great pride in the abilities of Nick and considers him an integral part of the live sound.

We hope you enjoy the concert of *We The People, Songs and Stories of America with David Malmberg*.