



BOB PATTERSON

NEW! Lullaby of the Rivers Tour: The Rivers Are Telling Us Their Stories

From Florida to Maine, Lullaby of the Rivers is offering free concerts and workshops to benefit river keepers and other nonprofit organizations that are working to protect rivers. It's a mission to raise awareness of the value of rivers and why they need help.

Rivers are important for drinking water, wildlife habitat, agriculture, recreation and commerce. Rivers matter, but many are polluted and some are even going dry. The tour aims a spotlight on local rivers, and assists the people who protect them.

Lullaby of the Rivers hopes to inspire people with music and stories. Florida folk artist Bob Patterson is the featured performer on the tour. Bob is a celebrated entertainer, whose award-winning stories and songs are real crowd pleasers.

Bob Patterson believes that people will protect rivers if they are taught to be more aware, and especially if they experience river life first-hand. He and his partner, Carol Kramer, founded the Lullaby of the Rivers Festival in 2020, featuring live music and an environmental fair. The 2024 two-day festival attracted close to 700 people.

Bob and Carol keep journey sticks as they travel, with the names of rivers they cross and mementos they find along the way. The rivers are telling us their stories, for those that have ears enough to listen. Bob and Carol hope to leave generations of new water protectors listening in their wake.

ARTIST BRIEF

Bob Patterson is a professional songwriter, musician and storyteller. His songs and stories, poetic and evocative, often reveal a deep connection to nature and concern for the environment. Patterson's concerts feature original award-winning songs masterfully rendered on his 12-string guitar. His storytelling blends spellbinding tales with music and song, a composite of folk music and folklore. His distinctive voice and accomplished twelve string guitar picking remind us of Pete Seeger, Arlo Guthrie, and Bob Gibson, especially when the audience starts to sing along.

HISTORY

Bob Patterson recorded his first album in 1968 with his folk rock band, Elizabeth, on Vanguard Records. That album is now number 14 on the list of the *Top 50 Psychedelic Bands You Should Hear Before You Die*. Since then he has been a headliner who performs at folk festivals, house concerts and songwriter showcases.

An award-winning songwriter and storyteller, Bob has twice taken home the top prize in the Best of Florida Songwriting Competition and served as a board member for the Florida Storytelling Association. Several of his CDs are compilations of stories and songs. His newest album is an instrumental, "Bob Patterson Explores 12 Strings".

He is co-founder of the long-running Gamble Rogers Folk Festival, a tribute to his friend the late, great Gamble Rogers, who was an international celebrity and the father of the Florida folk revival. In 2020, he and his partner, Carol Kramer, founded the Lullaby of the Rivers Festival that combines live music with an environmental fair. Bob is passionate about preserving Florida's rivers and is an eloquent spokesperson for Florida's rivers and springs.

An author as well as performer, Bob has published books of fiction and folklore. He recently published his third book, [Saga of William Ellis](#).

Highlights of Bob's career:

- Co-founder of the Lullaby of the Rivers Festival, an annual Earth Day event.
- Co-founder of the Gamble Rogers Music Festival, now in its 28th year.
- Longtime performer at Florida Folk Festival (more than 50 years) and Will McLean Festival.
- Co-host of a monthly Songwriter Showcase, now in its 9th year
- Two-time winner of Best Florida Song, in 2019 and 2011.
- Recipient of the Annette J. Bruce Lifetime Achievement Award, presented to individuals who have dedicated their lives to the art of storytelling. Awarded by the Florida Storytelling Association.
- Recipient of the Mother Earth and Fellow Man Award, that recognizes performers and composers whose lives and works reflect a concern for the environment, human rights and traditional culture. Awarded by the Stetson Kennedy Foundation.
- Inaugural inductee in the St. Augustine Music Hall of Fame.
- Nominee for the Florida Folk Heritage Award, 2024.

MUSIC PLAYLIST

Sante Fe

One of Bob's newest songs, not yet available on CD.

Here's to Huddie

An instrumental from Bob's CD, "Bob Patterson Explores 12 Strings".

Lullaby of the Rivers

Winner of Best Florida Song. This recording is from "12 Strings 12 Songs".

LIVE MUSIC VIDEOS

"All I Need Is You" recorded at the 2024 Lullaby of the Rivers Festival by Hugh Malloch.
<https://www.facebook.com/hugh.malloch.75/videos/1489590388605306>

"Osprey" recorded at the 2024 Lullaby of the Rivers Festival by Hugh Malloch.
<https://www.facebook.com/hugh.malloch.75/videos/2245306189140791>

"Maryanne" recorded at the 2023 Lullaby of the Rivers Festival by Hugh Malloch.
<https://www.facebook.com/hugh.malloch.75/videos/218896584169328>

"Me and Margaret" from the 1st Annual Florida Winter Music Festival by Hugh Malloch
<https://www.facebook.com/hugh.malloch.75/videos/208698072296151>

"Here Today Gone Tomorrow" recorded in the studio by Jamie DeFrates.
<https://youtu.be/0TYkg1p8UjA>

"All I Need Is You" recorded at the Colonial Tavern in Fredericksburg VA by Mark Torgeson.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jDApaO92kml>

PRINT ARTICLES

Interview with photos, Self Portrait Gospel, Dec 11, 2023
<https://www.thselfportraitgospel.com/interviews/the-bob-patterson-interview>

"A Teller of Tales", Colleen Jones, St. Augustine Record, Jan 5, 2020
<https://www.staugustine.com/story/news/2020/01/05/teller-of-tales/1952718007/>

"Living Legend - Bob Patterson", Eric Hood, The Narrow Magazine, April 2015
<https://www.calameo.com/books/003808682a6d05f6496d6>

QUOTES

"Bob Patterson is a 'living legend' in Florida folk music. He seems young for that title, but has certainly earned it - not just for his performance skill and writing, but also his generosity towards fellow performers that he knew - Gamble Rogers, Will McLean, Paul Champion. He has helped organize events to showcase their work and keep their music alive," --Sandra Parks, Stetson Kennedy Foundation

"His songs, like his photographs, vignettes of the heart, stir us to look a little deeper and love a little more." --Dr. Margaret Longhill, president of the Will McLean Foundation

"Bob Patterson is a Florida Folk icon and legend. A protégé of Gamble Rogers who genuinely cares about Florida and the people who live here. Bob is one of the most generous souls I know. Giving of his time, his talent, his friendship, his music and his stories and his photographs; he is living, breathing, hero to me." --Paul Garfinkel

"St. Augustine hometown hero and living legend Bob Patterson brings a delightfully warm balance of folk, americana, and jazz to the stage with his signature mastery of both voice and the 12-string guitar. He has earned the title of Florida's premier storyteller, local living legend, as well as hometown hero. A natural storyteller, Bob's music is primarily folk-driven with a hint of old traditional Appalachian mountain songs. His repertoire ranges from his own Florida-focused original material to the classical traditional folklore as far back as the 1800s that Bob is determined to keep alive. Audiences can expect the feeling of transcending into the Osceola Forest of Florida, floating along the Ocklawaha River in a time when man was living alongside nature in complete symbiosis" --Visit St. Augustine

"Bob creates music and word pictures that give us roots so we can stand, and faith so we can fly." - Annette Bruce, author and co-founder of the Florida Storytelling Guild.

"Bob Patterson has one foot firmly planted in his original music and the other foot smack dab in the middle of the Florida storytelling community. His traditional and original tales are woven masterfully into a picture, forming a loving pattern that is Bob Patterson's Florida." -- Steve Blackwell, Friends Of Florida Folk Newsletter

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