



Bob Patterson announces tour to benefit Riverkeepers

If you have ears enough for listening, you can hear what they are saying, you can hear them all singing, the lullaby of the rivers.

Bob Patterson is taking his song on the road. A sing-a-long crowd favorite, *Lullaby of the Rivers* won a Best Song contest, inspired award-winning school curriculum, and sparked an annual Earth Day festival. Now he wants to take it directly to the people protecting our rivers.

From Florida to Maine, Bob and his partner Carol are offering free programs to benefit riverkeepers and water protectors. Many rivers are polluted and some are even going dry. Bob Patterson believes that people will protect rivers if they become more aware, especially if they experience river life first-hand.

Patterson is a master songwriter, musician and storyteller. His poetic and evocative songs blend folk music and folklore, revealing a deep connection to nature. His distinctive voice and accomplished twelve string guitar picking calls to mind Pete Seeger, especially when the audience starts to sing along. Carol is a gifted commentator, who engages the audience and establishes rapport. Together they create entertaining and informative programs tailored to fit the occasion.

 Listen to *Lullaby of the Rivers*:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/10-wJsvs7r29S6X5krhmb_VzfVCDy3Stb/view?usp=sharing

Our rivers are telling us those stories, full of wildness and mystery, because our lives flow as rivers do, to the lullaby of the rivers.

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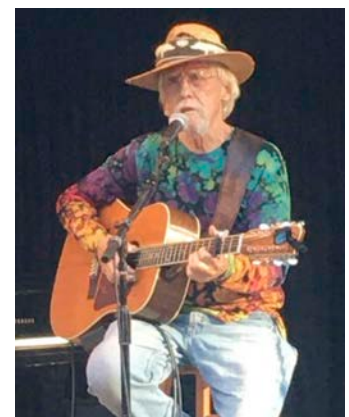
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HISTORY

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.

Bob has twice won top prize in the Best of Florida Songwriting Competition and is an acclaimed storyteller. Several of his CDs are compilations of stories and songs. He recently published his third book, *Saga of William Ellis*. A virtuoso guitarist, his newest album is all instrumentals, "Bob Patterson Explores 12 Strings".



Patterson is co-founder of St. Augustine's long-running Gamble Rogers Folk Festival. Bob is passionate about preserving Florida's rivers and is an eloquent spokesperson for Florida's rivers and springs. In 2020, he and his partner, Carol Kramer, founded the Lullaby of the Rivers Festival that combines live music with an Earth Day environmental fair.


HIGHLIGHTS

- Co-founder of the Lullaby of the Rivers Festival, an annual Earth Day event.
- Co-founder of the Gamble Rogers Music Festival, now in it's 28th year.
- 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.




MUSIC PLAYLIST


Lullaby of the Rivers Winner of Best Florida Song, from the recording "12 Strings 12 Songs"

 https://drive.google.com/file/d/10-wJsvs7r29S6X5krhmb_VzfVCDy3Stb/view?usp=sharing


Santa Fe Bob's newest song, not yet published.

 <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-McBr3ppV5iOf8LU729AOZrHRZAITlw/view?usp=sharing>


LIVE MUSIC VIDEOS

 "A Place In My Heart" recorded by Hugh Malloch 05/24/2024 at the Florida Folk Festival.

<https://www.facebook.com/hugh.malloch.75/videos/875959187628847>

 "Silver Springs" recorded by Hugh Malloch 05/25/2024 at the Florida Folk Festival.

<https://www.facebook.com/hugh.malloch.75/videos/440067231957897>

 "All I Need Is You" recorded by Hugh Malloch at the 2024 Lullaby of the Rivers Festival.

<https://www.facebook.com/hugh.malloch.75/videos/1489590388605306>



🎬 "Me and Margaret" recorded by Hugh Malloch at the 2024 Florida Winter Music Festival.

<https://www.facebook.com/hugh.malloch.75/videos/208698072296151>

🎬 "Here Today Gone Tomorrow" studio recording by Jamie DeFrates.

<https://youtu.be/0TYkg1p8UjA>

🎬 "The Osprey Song" 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 recorded by Hugh Malloch.

<https://www.facebook.com/hugh.malloch.75/videos/208698072296151>

🎬 "All I Need Is You" recorded at the Colonial Tavern in Fredericksburg, Virginia 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."

--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." --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.

