

Folk Music: Singing History

and

The Stories Behind the Songs

The acoustic folk trio Random Acts of Harmony presents a combination musical entertainment and history program intended for folks young and old who have an interest in folk music and the compelling stories behind their origins. Presented are a variety of songs from throughout history and, through stories and the accompanying music, Random Acts of Harmony describes the interesting events and issues that led to the writing of the songs. Songs of triumph, songs of sorrow and tragedy, songs that mirror events over the span of our history. The stories are presented by Rob Becker, a well-known Seacoast actor and founding member of Random Acts of Harmony. They are performed in beautiful three part harmony with acoustic accompaniment.

An example is the story behind the most beloved American songwriter of the 19th century- Stephen Foster. He died an early death, faced awful personal and financial problems, yet wrote the most beautiful and long-lasting tunes. Random Acts of Harmony tells his interesting story, then performs "Hard Times Come Again No More." Included, too, are stories and songs by Woody Guthrie, Huddie Ledbetter (Lead Belly), John Prine and many others.

"A Great Musical Program...They sang songs spanning America's history and told the stories behind the songs, so we learned a lot while being entertained." [Merrimack Public Library, Merrimack, NH](#)

"A great combination of hearing songs and learning something about their history...an awesome program." [Interview in the Exeter News-Letter](#)

"Great musical program!...a nice combination of learning about the context of some of the songs we all know, and getting to hear those songs performed." [Wiggin Public Library, Stratham, NH](#)

"... we loved them so much we're inviting them back! A folk trio, the three gentlemen both entertained and educated with traditional folk songs and stories about the history of the songs and the songwriters. They are traveling NH now with their songs and stories. Great program for all ages!" [Frost Free Library, Marlborough, NH](#)

This presentation is available to libraries and community organizations. For a music sample visit: myspace.com/randomactsofharmony and listen to "Wagoner's Lad." For additional information, scheduling and pricing, e-mail: randomacts@fastmail.fm or phone Dick Kruppa- 603-772-3387.

