

The Almanac Trail Concert Tour

Rik Palieri and George Mann

Friday, July 26 at 8 PM

Social Hour, meet and greet at 7 PM

**IATSE Local 80 Union Hall
2520 West Olive Ave. in Burbank**

In the summer of 1941, a musical group of labor activists known as “The Almanac Singers” climbed into a midnight blue Buick and blazed a trail across the USA, spreading the gospel of unionism and bringing folk music back to the people. The group, with members Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger, Lee Hays & Mill Lampell, created a new kind of topical music, using old folk melodies to tell the stories of the times. They played in union halls, on picket lines, theaters and radio shows, planting seeds wherever they went.

The Almanacs’ now almost-mythical journey has become an inspiration for legions of musicians, free thinkers, and gasoline gypsies, and has paved the road for many of today’s singer/songwriters. At the core of it were some of the greatest labor songs ever written, including “Union Maid,” “Talking Union,” and “Which Side Are You On?”

Some seventy years later, with the help and guidance of Pete Seeger and The Woody Guthrie Archives, Rik Palieri and George Mann are traveling down the road from Pittsburgh to Los Angeles, up the west coast and then from Seattle to Buffalo, singing at some of the same places and towns, and inviting local musicians to join in, as in the original tour. The Almanac Trail will be like an old-fashioned “Hootenanny” — an evening of history, music and fun for all generations!

***Come see and sing along as
Rik and George perform
classics of the labor
movement, and some of their
own songs too!***

***A labor education and history
event in story and song, good
for the whole family!***

***Suggested donation \$5 -\$10, no one
turned away for lack of funds!***



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