

Peter Verity Bio

Peter Verity is a well-established, Toronto-based, roots songwriter and entertainer who never fails to read his audience or to deliver an evening of heart-felt songs laced with poignancy and humour. He remains a stalwart in the local Toronto music scene while taking the opportunity to tour, most recently to Western Canada and British Columbia.

Peter began his career in the early seventies travelling with bands across Canada and into the U.S. With the coming of a family in the eighties, Peter took a 10 year hiatus from the music business to manage circulation of a major Toronto newspaper. Inevitably, as happens with those born to express themselves, the itch to play returned in the early nineties when Peter made a CD with his latest band Delta Tango. When the band split, he ventured out on his own as a songwriter, specializing in his unique Canadian brand of roots music and accompanying himself on guitar, harmonica, and mandolin. He has been at it ever since.

In 2005 Peter was awarded the Best Folk Artist at the Toronto Independent Music Awards and played the awards ceremony. Nominations that year also included Best Acoustic Male Performer and Best Song. Peter was also nominated Best Male Artist in the Ontario Independent Music Awards in 2007, again being asked to perform during the awards ceremony.

Peter Verity has recorded two solo CDs: *High Flyer* in 2000 and *Sometimes A Journey* in 2006. Songs from each have been included many times on CBC playlists, and have enjoyed airplay in Europe and Australia.

“A natural talent for connecting to his audience....” Tim Maxwell, Toronto music enthusiast.

“A truly entertaining performer...” John Marlatt, booker, The Moonshine Café, Oakville, Ontario.

“...our crowd enjoyed every minute...” Daniel McLaughlin, Rob Roy Inn, Ottawa, Ontario.

“...Peter was a joy to listen to...style and great comedic rapport with the audience...he was great!”Carole....Kemptville house concert presenter.