



Fingerstyle Guitarist Merv Collins Please contact: merv2@hotmail.com

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Meet Merv Collins, a Fingerstyle Guitarist who has been playing music for over 4 decades. Merv's instrumental music is influenced by celtic, classical, new age, country, folk, medieval and even some good old rock and roll music, and is reminiscent of the styles played by Tommy Emmanuel, Stephen Bennett, Michael Hedges, Al Petteway, Michael Gulezian, and many other fingerstyle masters. Merv's current instrument line up includes his prized Taylor 714ce acoustic guitar, a Taylor NS54CE classical guitar, a Composite Acoustic 51M CE carbon fiber guitar, a Weissenborn lap steel guitar, a Wechter Scheerhorn dobro, and a newly acquired Holloway Model 5 Harp Guitar. Merv has released 3 CDs of original instrumental music, the 1st titled "Bits & Pieces" and 2nd titled "True to the Music" and the most recent release titled "Fingers & Strings", which are all available for purchase at Merv's shows or directly from Merv upon request. "Fingers & Strings" is also available on CD Baby.com

Merv's music and style has been described as:

- Merv is a master of expressing the subtle sounds that give meaning to music
- His music takes you through a variety of different emotions from the quiet, tranquil, and contemplative to the happy, outgoing, life is wonderful, emotions
- Merv has extraordinary fingerstyle picking style that translates into soothing sounds
- Merv Collins creates both a warm and invigorating mood with his music
- His love of music comes through in an overall upbeat rhythm that also leads the listener through comforting moments of resolution and peace

Since relocating from the Detroit area in 2005, Merv has been performing at many venues around town including many of the outdoor summer festivals in the area. Here are a few of the venues Merv has performed at:

Beans & Leaves Coffee Shop - Long Grove, IL
 Dirty Nellies ó Palatine, IL
 Palatine Inverness Art Fair ó Palatine, IL
 Cuneo Mansion & Museum ó Vernon Hills, IL
 Stage Left Café ó Woodstock, IL
 Flatlander Market ó Marengo, IL
 Ela Area Public Library ó Lake Zurich, IL
 Lamplighter Inn & Tavern ó Palatine, IL
 Chocolate Festival ó Long Grove, IL
 Strawberry Festival ó Long Grove, IL
 Marengo Autumn Drive ó Marengo, IL
 Borders Book Store ó Mt Prospect, IL
 Trio Grill ó Marengo, IL
 Vine Tastings ó Roselle, IL

Fitzgerald's ó Berwyn, IL
 The Mast House ó Woodstock, IL
 Nirvana Wine & Grillerie ó Vernon Hills, IL
 Hemmingways ó Naperville, IL
 Lake County Folk Club ó Lake Bluff, IL
 Froggy's French Café ó Highwood, IL
 Midwest Fiber & Folk Art Fair ó Crystal Lake, IL
 Wilmette Art Fair ó Wilmette, IL
 Apple Festival ó Long Grove, IL
 Irish Days ó Long Grove, IL
 Palatine Business Expo ó Palatine, IL
 Borders Book Store ó Algonquin, IL
 Bill's Blues ó Evanston, IL
 Seasons ó Long Grove, IL