

Dan Berggren

Biography

"Dan is a throwback to the old role of the folk singer . . . he's articulating things that need to be said right now." That's how best-selling author and environmentalist Bill McKibben describes him. While Dan's roots are firmly in the Adirondacks where he was raised, his music has branched out across many borders. For over 40 years, the award-winning educator and musician has entertained audiences at coffeehouses, concert halls, festivals, schools, churches and libraries, both in the U.S. and overseas in Europe, Great Britain and Central Africa.

Before turning to music full-time, Dan worked in the woods with a forest ranger and surveyor, was a radio producer in Europe, a professor of audio and radio studies at SUNY Fredonia; and owner of Sleeping Giant Records. *This Planet We Call Home* is his most recent album.

A tradition-based songsmith, Dan writes with honesty, humor and a strong sense of place. His concerts engage audiences as he invites them to join in on songs that explore the lives of hard working folks, the many dimensions of home, and taking care of our planet and each other.

A Few Quotes from Folks

"One of the most personable and powerful performers we have."

~ Sara Craig, Caffe Lena, Saratoga Springs

"His is an earnest, clean brand of folk, strengthened by his clear, deep voice and guitar or banjo . . . He writes and sings about survival, hard work and finding truth in nature."

~ Philip Schwartz, *Daily Gazette*

"Berggren is old-school folk in the best of ways, simple, solid and sure."

~ David Malachowski, *Times Union*

"His gentle wit, and his ability to write songs with great choruses, make him an excellent performer."

~ Phil Shapiro, WVBR-FM, Ithaca

"Berggren is to be commended for perpetuating not only a piece of Adirondack lore but also a style of sharing it."

~ Neal Burdick, ADK Mountain Club

"A wonderful and careful songwriter who makes every word count."

~ Miran Belec, Radio Logatec, Slovenia

Awards

Art and Literary Award, New York State Outdoor Education Association
Heritage Award, Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks
Education Award, Adirondack Mountain Club
President's Award for Excellence in Teaching, State University of New York
Distinguished Alumni Citation, St. Lawrence University

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