

BIOGRAPHY (Full) **Songwriter**

John Flynn / Singer-



John Flynn sings from the heart. His powerful songs of humanity and hope are deeply rooted in the traditions of Woody Guthrie and Phil Ochs. John paints vivid, lasting images with words and music, drawn from a palette of awareness, irony, humor, and compassion.

A socially driven singer/songwriter not afraid of writing about the shadows, John always seems to find the glimmer of light in the dark. He does not bludgeon but allows us the space to come to our own conclusions. His songs speak to our common shared humanity. Thank-you notes left on his websites come from both soldiers and anti-war advocates.

John's artistic journey has taken him from Temple University, where he earned a degree in Political Science, to Nashville's Music Row as a songwriter, to award-winning children's recording artist and performer, to social justice activist. John is truly an Americana troubadour.

In addition to concerts and festivals for an adult audience, he also presents special programs on songwriting and Prison Ministry. John also performs a popular school assembly program and school workshops. His family shows are always a hit.

John has shared the stage with some of the greats of our time, **Willie Nelson, Arlo Guthrie, Kris Kristofferson**, to name a few. Arlo invited John to join his *Train to New Orleans* tour post-Hurricane Katrina, and Kris Kristofferson has not only sung on two of John's CDs, but has given John previously unrecorded material to use. **Sonny Ochs**, the sister of the late great songwriter, **Phil Ochs**, has made John one of the mainstays of her *Phil Ochs Song Nights* that tours nationally.

John walks his talk. When off the road, he leads a prison discussion group and is very involved with **Camp Dreamcatcher**, a safe haven for children living with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

He was made a **Paul Harris Fellow** by the Rotary Club for notable service, gained a **Shining Star Award** from the Dominicans for artistry and service for his song *The Passunder (New Orleans)*, and won a **Notable Recording Award** from the American Library Association for his CD, *Love Takes A Whole Box of Crayons*.

John has released eight CDs and his ninth, *America's Waiting*, will be released in April 2009.

His songs have been placed in television (**Joan of Arcadia**) and film (**Tiny Tears, Not Broken**). A documentary on veterans and homelessness will feature a new song of John's, *Semper Fi*, a true story of PTSD. It should be released late 2009.

He lives in Delaware with his wife, four children, and their exuberant German Shepherd.

John continues to tour extensively. With nothing but an old Martin D-28 and harmonica for accompaniment, his compelling songs, strong voice, and open-hearted approach to his audiences are turning strangers into friends.

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