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LEE MURDOCK TO PERFORM FOLK AND MARITIME MUSIC

Lee Murdock sings a vivid musical portrait of life on the Great Lakes in a concert on _____, _____ ____, 20___, at _____P.M. Murdock is renowned midwestern musician who has released twelve CDs and two books of folk and maritime music. The performance will take place at _____, _____. Tickets are $_____. Call _____ for reservations.

Noted as a fluent instrumentalist on the six and twelve string guitars, Murdock combines ragtime, Irish, blues and folk styles with his flair for storytelling in songs. His musical influences span fifteen generations. Murdock began his folk career in the Chicago area in the mid 1970's, expanding his repertoire of blues and popular music as his interest in folk music and the maritime tradition grew.

To listen to Lee Murdock's music is to visualize the long, heavily laden deck of an iron ore freighter being tossed by malevolent waves, to envision a choir singing, feel a lover's lament, nurture a love for an isolated shoreline ... and much more.

Murdock writes many of the songs he performs, but he also draws heavily on the archives of authentic sailing songs collected in the early twentieth century by the late Ivan Walton, a Professor at the University of Michigan. "The discovery of this vast collection of American maritime music was amazing to me," says Murdock. "And to think that it exists over 1000 miles from any salt water." Murdock blends the traditional songs to appeal to contemporary musical tastes, reaching out to new audiences with his stories and songs from the inland waterways.

Audiences across the North American continent have a growing fascination with his stories and music, and Murdock has toured from Oregon to Ontario to Orlando. His music is aired frequently on radio stations across the land, and his CDs have been consistently rated in the top 10 or top 25 recordings of folk music programmers.

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