

The Almanac Trail Concert Tour

Rik Palieri and George Mann

Thursday, August 8
7:30 PM

Minneapolis Eagles #34
2507 East 25th Street, Minneapolis

In the summer of 1941, a musical group of labor activists known as “The Almanac Singers” climbed into a midnight blue Buick and blazed a trail across the USA, spreading the gospel of unionism and bringing folk music back to the people. The group, with members Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger, Lee Hays & Mill Lampell, created a new kind of topical music, using old folk melodies to tell the stories of the times. They played in union halls, on picket lines, theaters and radio shows, planting seeds wherever they went.

The Almanacs’ now almost-mythical journey has become an inspiration for legions of musicians, free thinkers, and gasoline gypsies, and has paved the road for many of today’s singer/songwriters. At the core of it were some of the greatest labor songs ever written, including “Union Maid,” “Talking Union,” and “Which Side Are You On?”

Some seventy years later, with the help and guidance of Pete Seeger and The Woody Guthrie Archives, Rik Palieri and George Mann are traveling down the road from Pittsburgh to Los Angeles, up the west coast and then from Seattle to Buffalo, singing at some of the same places and towns, and inviting local musicians to join in, as in the original tour. The Almanac Trail will be like an old-fashioned “Hootenanny” — an evening of history, music and fun for all generations!

Sing along as Rik and George perform classics of the labor movement, and some of their own songs too. A labor education and history event in story and song, good for the whole family!

This is a free concert. Food and drink are available at the hall. Parking lot behind #34 hall. PH: (612) 724-9714

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