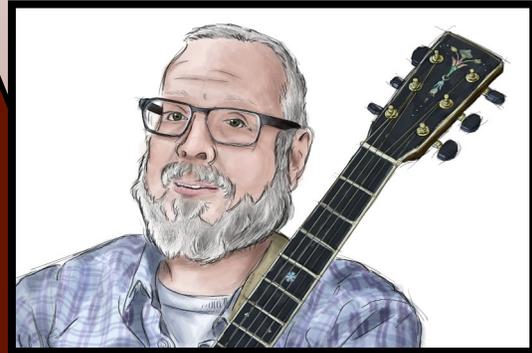


# Steven J. Schmidt

## Singer/Songwriter/Guitarist

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There could be no better title for this CD ("Heartland"). With these songs, Steven has courageously opened up his heart and invited the listeners to experience an amazing reflection on some of the highest and lowest moments in his life. His guitar work is extraordinary; embracing the sad whimsy of a Nick Drake and the creative fury of a Leo Kottke. It is a perfect CD for anyone who enjoys great guitar and great stories."

- Ken Onstad, President - New Folk Records

"Steven J. Schmidt... a talented guitarist and gentle, introspective lyricist."

- Jeff Pieters, Rochester Post-Bulletin

"Steven J. Schmidt's song lyrics are a vivid mix of deep honesty and vulnerability that seamlessly meld with haunting and engaging melodies."

- Sean Dowse, The Sheldon Theatre  
Red Wing, Minnesota

Steven J. Schmidt, recipient of a Sally Irvine Ordway award for Commitment, recognizing lifetime achievement, contribution and leadership in the arts and/or culture, has written over 200 songs and each one is like a bottle of fine, bourbon barrel-aged stout. He performs his rich, full-flavored original tunes, crafted over the last forty years, at house concerts, coffee houses, brew pubs, wineries, and festivals.

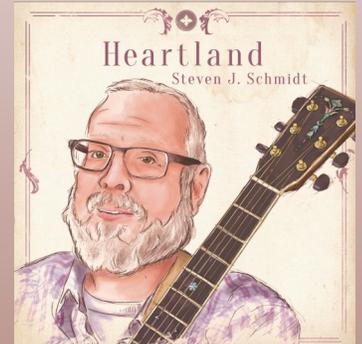
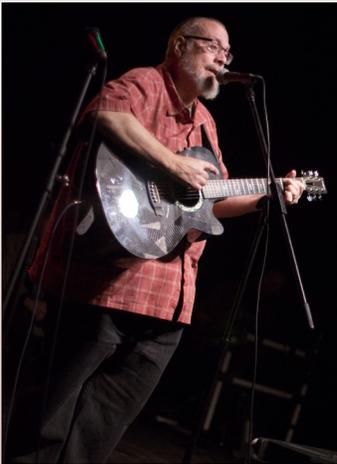
A highly skilled guitarist some refer to as "a folkie with chops," Steven is noted for his fingerpicking, novel chord voicings, use of alternate tunings, and playing up-the-neck.

Schmidt has composed and performed musical soundtracks for public television, film and theatrical performances. He has shared the stage with many folk music greats. His music has been featured on PBS-affiliate KSMQ-TV's "Off 90" program and KQAL-FM's "The Live Feed Presents: Steven J. Schmidt."

Performance configurations include solo, duo, trio and, for festivals and blocks of five or more dates, full band.

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Watch the PBS (KSMQ-TV) Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EEJzK7J28SU>

Listen to the Public Radio Exchange (KQAL-FM) Audio :

<https://beta.prx.org/stories/169060>

“(Schmidt’s) audience engagement was amazing, not like another show I have been to... (his) songwriting was inspirational and diverse. The show had a great feel and it was cool to be involved with such an intimate event with a singer/songwriter that has the portfolio Schmidt brings.”

-Annie Henderson, *The CA “Creative Salon”*

“*The Road* is more than just a well-recorded album. It speaks because it offers a glimpse into those gritty places in life most of us know well, offered through storytelling that is heartfelt and, in many cases, vulnerable in a raw and plaintive way. “

-Guy Mendilow, *Composer/Performer/Educator*

“Steve Schmidt closed the show... his beautiful fingerstyle acoustic guitar was the perfect finale for the evening. “

-Dan Lambert, *Living Blues Magazine*

## Highlights...

- “Heartland” CD released in December 2015
- “The Road” CD released in September 2014
- Uncommon Ground - Lakeview/Wrigleyville (Chicago, IL)
- Elmaro Vineyard (Trempealeau, WI)
- Great River Folk Festival (La Crosse, WI; Singer-Songwriter Competition Finalist)
- Rochesterfest (Rochester, MN)
- Wenonah Brewing Company (Goodview, MN)
- Four Daughters Vineyard & Winery (Spring Valley, MN)
- Patrick’s Cabaret, Minneapolis, MN
- Fisher King Winery, Mount Horeb, WI
- Underground Music Café, St. Paul, MN
- Lakeside Street Coffeehouse, Madison, WI
- Acoustic Café - Winona, Winona, MN
- The Tonic Room, Chicago, IL
- Fitger’s Brewhouse, Duluth, MN
- Elk River Farmers Market, Elk River, MN
- “Over the Back Fence,” St. Mane Theatre, Lanesboro, MN
- Café Steam, Rochester, MN
- Acoustic Café - Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI
- Sheldon Theatre/Mayo Clinic, Red Wing, MN
- He has shared the stage with Pete Seeger, Dewey Balfa, Elizabeth Cotton, Mike Seeger, David Holt, Doc Watson, Bryan Bowers, Cathy Fink, Marcy Marxer, John McCutcheon, Tom Paxton, and Peter Yarrow

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