

## Steven J. Schmidt -- Medium-Length Bio

Steven J. Schmidt, Sally Ordway Commitment Award winner recognizing his lifetime achievement, contribution, and leadership in the arts (<https://youtu.be/uEYSBOPsbsk>), is a Midwestern singer/songwriter who has written hundreds of 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 fifty years, at house concerts, listening rooms, coffee houses, wineries, theatres, and festivals. A highly skilled guitarist some refer to as “a folkie with chops,” Steve is noted for his fingerpicking, novel chord voicings, use of alternate tunings and multiple instruments, and playing up-the-neck.

Steven has been hard at work in the studio recording his soon-to-be-released album entitled **The Driftless Sessions** that will drop on September 6, 2025 at a concert he will stage as a fundraiser for The History Center of Olmsted County (tickets available [here](#)). He has also been busy producing his new YouTube series entitled **A Songwriter's Craft**. A direct link to all episodes is available on his YouTube channel via his website [here](#). He continues to perform in support of his “Heartland” and “The Road” CD’s and performing new songs he has written. His recordings are available on his [web site](#), [Bandcamp page](#), [YouTube Channel](#), and [Spotify Channel](#).

His music has been featured in a PBS-affiliate KSMQ-TV's [Off 90](#) segment, KBEM's **Twin Cities Weekend** broadcast entitled [Steve Schmidt Creates Midwestern Songwriting Legacy](#), [Open Mic America](#) segments, and a [Music of America](#) podcast.

Two-Time GRAMMY® Award Winners, [Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer](#) write, “Beautiful imagery and guitar playing!” about Steven’s recent National Public Radio “Tiny Desk Concert” submission, “The Witch of the Reeds”.

Ken Onstad, President of [New Folk Records](#), says about Steve’s **Heartland** album, “There could be no better title for this CD. 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.”

### **Steve's Website:**

<https://stevenjschmidt.net/>

### **Steve's Facebook Artist Page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/stevenjschmidt.music>

### **Steve's YouTube Channel:**

<https://www.youtube.com/@StevenJSchmidtSongwriter>

### **Steve's Instagram:**

[@stevenjschidtmusic](#)

### **Steven's Bandcamp Page:**

<https://stevenjschmidt.bandcamp.com/>

### **Steve's Spotify Channel:**

<https://open.spotify.com/artist/7LAAFA7xSzmXXxTkNJEajk>

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