



MUSIC MAKER  
FOUNDATION

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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**MUSIC MAKER  
FOUNDATION**

# TENDING THE ROOTS OF AMERICAN MUSIC

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## OUR MISSION

Music Maker Foundation tends the roots of traditional American music by meeting the day-to-day needs of the artists who create it, ensuring their voices are heard, and giving all people access to our nation's hidden musical treasures.



## OUR PROGRAMS

### Education

To ensure that American roots music is always accessible to current and future generations, we write books, record artists, create exhibitions, and archive documentation for future generations.

### Sustenance

To ensure that the day-to-day needs of the most vulnerable artists are met, we provide grants and social services to musicians who are in crisis or who live in chronic poverty.

### Performance

To help our artists build their careers, their income, and their skills through touring, we book shows for them and provide tour management and professional development.



TOP: Hemon Hitson, Atlanta, Georgia, 2022. Ethan Payne. MIDDLE: David Bryant, Covington, Georgia, 2002. Tim Duffy. BOTTOM Willie Farmer, Duck Hill, MS, 2024. Tim Duffy.

COVER:  
Guitar Gabriel, Port Townsend, Washington, 1992.  
John Gallagher.

## OUR TEAM

Timothy Duffy, Executive Director  
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Kim Anderson, Finance Coordinator  
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## IN MEMORY

B.B. King (1925-2015)  
Levon Helm (1940-2012)  
Bill Krasilovsky (1926-2018)  
Dickey Betts (1943-2024)

## OUR PARTNERS

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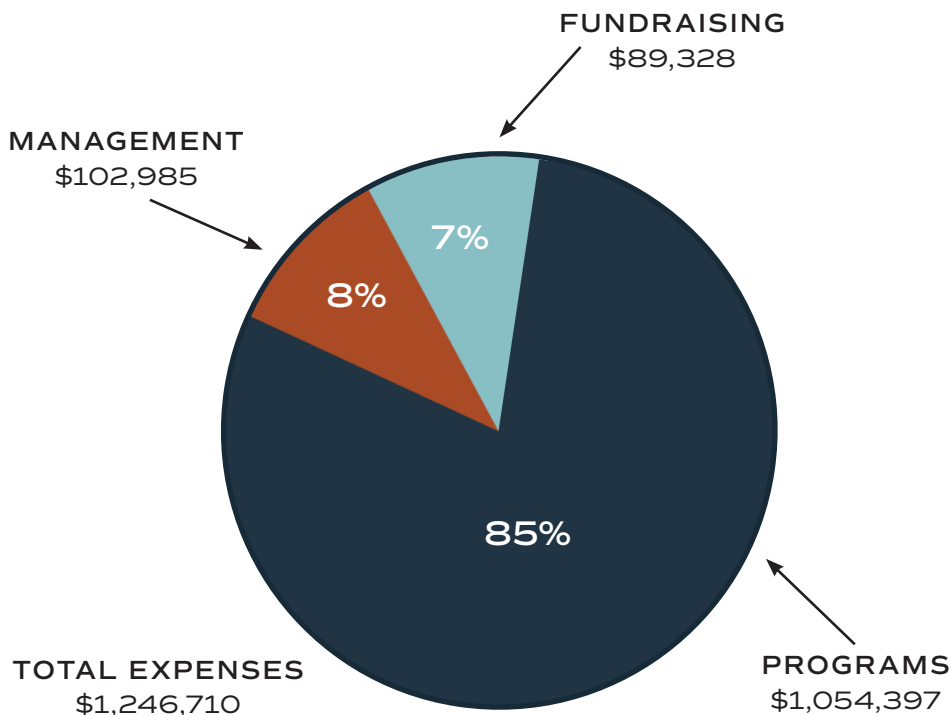


**THE PHILADELPHIA FOUNDATION**



# 2021/22 FINANCIAL REPORT

*\*Audited financial statements available upon request*



LEFT: *Belinda & Ron Hunter, Hillsborough, North Carolina, 2023. Tim Duffy.*

RIGHT: *Captain Luke & Kim Catrall, Robins Island, New York, 2001. Tim Duffy.*

OPPOSITE: *Sam McMillan painting of Guitar Gabriel, Tim Duffy, Willa Mae Buckner, Macavine Hayes, & Mr. Q in performance; Winston-Salem, North Carolina, 1994.*

# WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED

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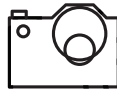
**30**

YEARS



**32**

COUNTRIES  
TOURED



**55**

EXHIBITIONS



**542**

PARTNER  
ARTISTS



**2,956**

SONGS  
RELEASED



**8,776**

PERFORMANCES



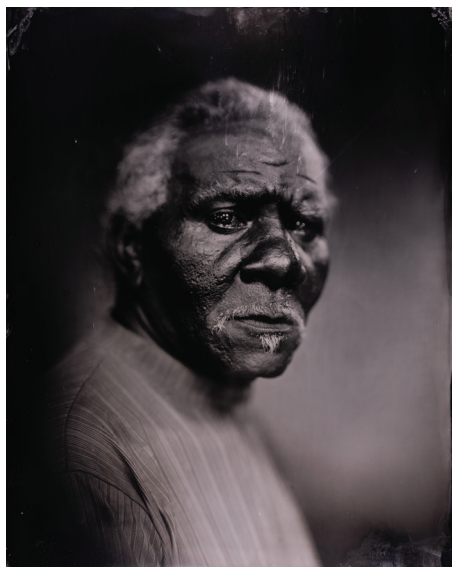
**16,668**

MUSICIAN  
GRANTS



## A LETTER FROM OUR CO-FOUNDERS

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*Dear Friends,*

“The blues will never die,” our good friend Guitar Gabriel used to tell anyone who asked. “It is a spirit!”

We first met Guitar Gabriel in 1990 in Winston-Salem at the suggestion of James “Guitar Slim” Stephens. Gabe was a true blues troubadour with an encyclopedic knowledge of blues and gospel, a talent for razor-sharp songwriting, and some of the finest guitar-playing we’d ever heard.

Through Gabe, we met Willa Mae “The Snake Lady” Buckner, Captain Luke, Macavine Hayes, and other artists in the Winston-Salem blues community. They were terrific musicians, but they lacked access to recording opportunities and quality stages. They struggled to maintain even the most modest of lifestyles on their meager Social Security checks.

As we started to visit artists beyond Winston and North Carolina, we realized the South was teeming with senior roots musicians: blues artists, string-

band pickers, songwriters, gospel bands, indigenous musicians, and more. Most of the folks we visited lived in under-resourced communities, rural and urban alike. They were from working class roots. No one had quality instruments, decent gigs, or offers to record. Nearly everyone was broke. Mostly, they just asked us if we could help them find a gig—because, more than anything, they wanted this music to keep living, to pass it on before they died.

Music Maker asks artists to take a leap of faith when they partner with us. They trust us with their innermost creative thoughts and often their family legacy, songs passed from one generation to another. They understand we can’t make them stars in this crazy money-driven world, but we do promise to present their work with high artistic quality and respect and do our best to have them be heard. Since 1994, we have released more than 220 records – nearly 3,000 songs.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Robert and Mercedes Eichholz Foundation and supporters like you, we opened our new Recording Studio in Fountain, NC this year. It is a dream come true to be able to offer a state-of-the-art facility to our partner artists. We have sessions lined up for the next 12 months, and we can't wait to see what new creativity and collaborations unfold in this space.

This is all happening at a time when the music business is getting harder and harder. In an era of streaming, music is expected to be free, and few people purchase CDs. The roots musicians we serve have always existed on the fringes of society and the industry. Now they seem to be pushed even further into the margins. If we don't document and support them, how will these musicians be heard and our musical souls be nourished?

Performance and touring have always been challenging, and the pandemic and inflation did not improve matters, particularly for older musicians. Yet our partner artists still love to perform whenever possible – and it is our greatest joy to bring people together in live performance. There is no substitute for this human interaction. When do you feel more connected to a group of people than when you are all singing and dancing together? Music Maker has made nearly 9,000 artist performances possible over the last 30 years, and we hope to keep this number growing.

Our Sustenance Program continues to be a lifeline for our senior artists. Food insecurity, substandard housing, and medical needs are constant struggles for many elderly people in America, including her roots musicians. We are proud that, with your support, Music

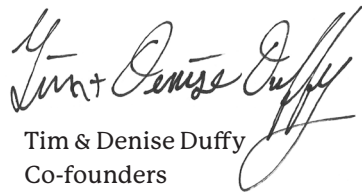
Maker continues to be a trusted partner to these artists, bringing them comfort in their golden years.

Thirty years ago, we thought these artists had more to contribute to our culture – and we were right. This work has taken us to log cabins with dirt floors, the lauded stages of great European theaters, tin shacks in the middle of cotton fields, corporate boardrooms, and Manhattan penthouses in search of artists, audiences, and funders. In all these places, we found common ground through shared passion for American music. That this organization exists at all 30 years later speaks volumes about the good in the hearts of all the folks we have encountered.

Most incredible of all are you, our supporters, who have taken this journey with us. So many of y'all have been contributing to us for 15, 20, even 25 years—or more! We are truly humbled by your commitment to these artists and to this mission.

Your support has made all the difference to our community of artists. Our world keeps pushing us toward the fake—touting artificial intelligence and virtual relationships—but we crave authentic feeling and creativity embodied in humanity, not a facsimile. Thank you for believing these true pioneers and forgotten heroes of American matter, and for supporting our mission to document their voices for future generations.

Here's to the next 30 years!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim + Denise Duffy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the names connected together.

Tim & Denise Duffy  
Co-founders

OPPOSITE LEFT: *Curtis Harper, Fountain, North Carolina, 2024.* Tim Duffy.

OPPOSITE RIGHT: *Fred Thomas, who spent 35 years playing with James Brown & the JB's. Fountain, North Carolina, 2024.* Tim Duffy.

# *Music Maker Turns 30!*







*Music Maker Foundation is turning 30—and you're invited to the party! Join us in Durham and Fountain, NC from October 10-12, 2024 for three days of music, dancing, food, and fellowship as we celebrate 30 years of Music Maker.*

**OCTOBER 10-12 IN DURHAM, NC AND FOUNTAIN, NC**

## ***Jackson Browne, Taj Mahal, & Dom Flemons Celebrate Music Maker!***

**Thursday, October 10, 2024 | 7:30 PM at Page Auditorium (Duke University)**  
Tickets at <https://arts.duke.edu>

We kick off big with a concert presented in partnership with Duke Arts. This concert opens with Music Maker next generation stars **Faith & Harmony, Gail Ceasar, Lakota John Locklear, and Martha Spencer!** **Dom Flemons, Taj Mahal, and Jackson Browne** close the evening with a tribute to the roots of American music.

### **VIP Artist After Party**

**Thursday, October 10, 2024 | Time/Venue TBA**

For VIP ticket holders only! Keep the good times rollin' at this exclusive after party, where you'll get the chance to meet artists from the evening's concert as well as **Terry "Harmonica" Bean** and celebrate with fellow music lovers.

You never know who will show up!

[more →](#)



ABOVE: *Jackson Browne & Macavine Hayes, Byron Bay, Australia. 2006. Tim Duffy.*  
OPPOSITE: *Dom Flemons, Hillsborough, North Carolina, 2013. Tim Duffy.*

# Music Maker Turns 30!



## Music Maker Homecoming

Friday, October 11, 2024

6:00 PM at Old Murphey School (Durham, NC)

Tickets at [musicmaker.org](http://musicmaker.org)

Break out your dancing shoes at the historic Old Murphey School! From 6 PM until the music stops, we'll catch up with old and new friends to the sounds of **Kelley and the Cowboys** and the **Music Maker Blues Revue**, featuring **Albert White**, **Aretta Woodruff**, **Jimbo Mathus** and **Leonard Lowdown Brown**.

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## Music Maker Studios Dedication

Saturday, October 12, 2024

3-7 PM at Music Maker Studios, Fountain, NC

Tickets at [musicmaker.org](http://musicmaker.org)

We look to the future of Music Maker with the dedication of **Music Maker Studios** in Fountain, NC. Join us for a field trip to Fountain to help us officially dedicate our new production studios, where Music Maker artists will have access to state-of-the-art recording and photography facilities. After touring the new studios, we'll gather at local gem R.A. Fountain General Store for dinner and one final concert before heading back to Durham.



## Other Events

### ***Song Keepers: A Music Maker Foundation Anthology Book Talk***

Friday, October 11, 2024 | 12:00 PM at Letters Bookshop  
116 W Main St, Durham, NC 27701

### **Master Class with Earle Pughe**

Saturday, October 12, 2024 | 10 AM-12 PM at Hilton Garden Inn  
2102 West Main Street, Durham, NC 27705

**VIP Add-On Packages may still be available!**  
**Get yours now at [musicmaker.org](https://musicmaker.org)**

### **September at American Tobacco Campus**

*From gospel to salsa, blues to zydeco, discover the roots and routes of American music at American Tobacco Campus in Durham, NC as we celebrate 30 years of Music Maker!*

**September 4, 2024—Conjunto Breve**

**September 11, 2024—Buckwheat Zydeco Jr.**

**September 18, 2024—Faith & Harmony and The Dedicated Men of Zion**

**September 25, 2024—Music Maker Blues Revue with Ardie Dean, Albert White, Fred Thomas, and Pat Cohen**

ABOVE: *Music Maker party at the All People's Grill, Durham, North Carolina, 2003.* Music Maker Archive. OPPOSITE LEFT: *Pat "Mother Blues" Cohen and Taj Mahal, Byron Bay, Australia, 2010.* Tim Duffy. OPPOSITE RIGHT: *Jimbo Mathus, Albert White, Fred Thomas, Kirk Russel, Paco, Music Maker Studios, Fountain, North Carolina, 2024.* Tim Duffy.

PROGRAM  
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**Freeman Vines** has been “searching for the sound” by building guitars since the late 1950s, when he heard an incredible tone that changed his life. Now the search continues at Music Maker’s new recording studio in Fountain, NC! Our first three sessions welcomed veteran MMF partner artist **Albert White** of Atlanta, GA and our new friend **Earnest “Guitar” Roy** of Clarksdale, MS, and **Leonard “Lowdown” Brown** of Houston, TX. Both albums will feature our new house band, **Jimbo Mathus and the Music Makers**.

The recording studio also houses the **Freeman Vines Guitar Collection**. Our artists have been exploring this extraordinary collection of hand-made instruments, and have played them on every track we have recorded. Music Maker Studios includes three adjacent historic storefronts: the **Recording Studio**, the **Photography Studio**, and the **Artist-in-Residence Workshop**, which has been Freeman Vines’ workshop since 2020. The combined creative force of having all three studios up and running has brought renewed energy to this small rural community. We hope you can join us in Fountain on October 12, 2024 for our official Studio Dedication.

We have a packed production schedule planned for this fall and winter, including projects with the **Dedicated Men of Zion**, **Lakota John Locklear**, and some of our new partner artists from Mississippi.

ABOVE: *Albert White, Music Maker Studio, Fountain, North Carolina, 2024.* Tim Duffy.  
OPPOSITE, clockwise from top left: *Freeman Vines with some his guitars, Fountain, North Carolina, 2024; Freight Train Blues 10th Anniversary Cake, Carrboro, North Carolina, 2024; Jimbo Mathus & Albert White with Raleigh Charter School Students, Fountain, North Carolina, 2024; Taylor Kennedy, Fred Thomas, Albert White, Jimbo Mathus, Freeman Vines, Paco, Music Maker Studios, Fountain, North Carolina, 2024; Gaile & Yolanda Ceasar, Telluride, Colorado, 2024; Kelley Breiding, 2016.* Photographs by Tim Duffy.

Our **Freight Train Blues** concert series in Carrboro, NC celebrated its 10th anniversary season this spring! We had record crowds for 8 glorious Friday evenings in May and June with a wide array of roots performers, including **Terry “Harmonica” Bean, Jimbo Mathus, The Legendary Singing Stars, Charly Lowry, Orquesta GarDel, Lakota John Locklear, Albert White, The Blue Ridge Opry with Kelley Breiding**, and more. We look forward to our 11th season next year!

Telluride Blues and Brews Festival in Telluride, CO also turns 30 this year. Looks like we’re all growing up! Music Maker will be well-represented at Telluride this year, with the **Music Maker Blues Revue, Jimbo Mathus, Pat “Mother Blues” Cohen, Earnest “Guitar” Roy, Jeffrey Scott, Faith & Harmony, and Terry “Harmonica” Bean** taking the stage. We hope to see you there, too!



ARTIST NOTES



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Super Chikan, Clarksdale, Mississippi, 2024; Ester Wilbourne, Como, Mississippi, 2024; Earnest Guitar Roy, Hillsborough, North Carolina, 2024; Fred Thomas, Fountain, North Carolina; Essie Mae Brooks, Perry, Georgia, 1995. Photographs by Tim Duffy.



*Jimmy Duck Holmes, Bentonia, Mississippi, 2024. Tim Duffy.*

**Earnest “Guitar” Roy** of Clarksdale, MS thanks Music Maker supporters for getting him back on the road again with the grant of a 2014 Ford Escape!

Gospel singer **Essie Mae Brooks** turned 95 on August 7, 2024. She’s been with Music Maker Foundation since 1995!

**Little Pink Anderson** turned 70 this year. Music Maker provided him with new glasses.

**Jerry Harrison**, bass player and gospel band leader, appreciates the monthly sustenance checks for prescription medicines and help with car repairs.

Dental work is a challenge for many senior musicians, since Medicare doesn’t cover it. Music Maker helped **Alice Vines** and **Fred Thomas** find their smiles this year!

Tim Duffy made a big tour of Mississippi in April. He visited **Ester Mae Wilbourn** in the home Music Maker helped renovate for her in Como, provided guitar-building supplies to **Super Chikan** in Clarksdale, and helped new partner artist **Australia “Honeybee” Neal** move to a new apartment. We also supported the **Jimmy “Duck” Holmes Festival** in Bentonia, MS and the new juke joint **Willie Farmer** is building in Duck Hill.

Music Maker founding artist **Guitar Gabriel** was born October 16, 1924 in Decatur, GA. He would have turned 100 this year.



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## **SONG KEEPERS: A MUSIC MAKER ANTHOLOGY**

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Review by Mark Coltrain | Originally printed in *Living Blues* (May 2024)

North Carolina's Music Maker Foundation is celebrating its 30th birthday in 2024 and to commemorate its ongoing important work and legacy, it has released a sprawling, beautiful, near 150-page book and boxed set of its one-of-a-kind recordings documenting the vibrant, "overlooked" sounds of the American South's traditional musicians. As longtime listeners know, Music Maker's focus has primarily been on "keeping the bluest of the blues alive" but also includes outstanding examples of artists in other genres like old-time, folk, bluegrass, gospel, R&B, and Indigenous music, as well as those who blend genres or are otherwise uncategorizable. The anthology was published by No Depression in association with Music Maker Foundation. The author of the book, Georgann Eubanks, is an award-winning North Carolina-based writer, documentary filmmaker, and consultant to nonprofits.

Eubanks does a masterful job weaving rich stories of Music Maker founders Tim and Denise Duffy's humble beginnings to present multi-initiative mission to "tend the roots of American music by meeting the day-to-day needs of the artists who create it, ensuring their voices are heard, and giving all people access to our nation's hidden musical treasures." It is filled with photographs and stories of Music Maker's long and diverse roster of musicians and advocates. Most of the mesmerizing pictures in the book were taken by Tim Duffy, himself a skilled photographer in addition to recorder, producer, and gifted musician in his own right. The book also features a number of pho-

tos by Music Maker staff from over the years, as well as accomplished foundation friends like Axel Küstner. Chapter One outlines the needs Music Maker meets; their unique combination of programming and an outline of their operations; their impact, detailing staggering numbers of nearly 16,000 artistic grants, nearly 9,000 performances from over 500 artists in over 30 countries from over the years; and, finally, how technology has upended everything. The words, perspectives, and memories of luminaries and collaborators like Bill Ferris, Taj Mahal, Rhiannon Giddens, and Dom Flemons, as well as the origin stories of the founders and their latest gospel-drenched "Fountain Project" are also featured prominently and thoughtfully throughout most of the book's remaining chapters. Music Maker's story continues to compel and attract fans and supporters from all over the world as it occupies a singular place in the intersecting worlds of music, charity, and cultural preservation, staking a strong claim that their enduring work, in the words of the Duffys, "gives lie to the claim that American roots music is in terminal decline: it's alive and thriving."

In terms of the music, there are 85 dazzling tracks spread across four discs, each with its own theme: Disc One's "Snap Your Fingers: Acoustic Blues," Disc Two's "Back in Business: Electric Blues," Disc Three's "No Ways Tired: Sacred Soul and Gospel," and Disc Four's "This Old House: Eclectic Folk." The first track of Disc One, *Landlord Blues*, is fittingly by Guitar Gabriel (a.k.a. Nyles Jones), the raw, funky guitarist/singer that Tim Duffy says "was



the original inspiration for the creation of Music Maker Foundation.” Duffy met Gabriel in 1990 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and, through him, connected with foundational MMF musicians like Captain Luke and Macavine Hayes. (Duffy’s introduction to Gabriel was via another local Carolina blues legend, James “Guitar Slim” Stephens.) Other highlights from the disc include a delightful mixture of many early- and middle-era Music Maker artists like Birmingham, Alabama’s Adolphus Bell’s powerful sermon-like track *Black Man’s Dream*, George Higgs’ sweet rendition of *Greasy Greens*, Cora Mae Bryant’s ribald *Yo-yo Daddy*, Captain Luke’s beautiful baritone staple *Chokin’ Kind*, Algia Mae Hinton’s soulful *Snap Your Fingers*, and Etta Baker’s unforgettable *Carolina Breakdown*, though it does include a couple of newer-era artists like Pittsville, Virginia, guitarist and singer Gail Ceasar.

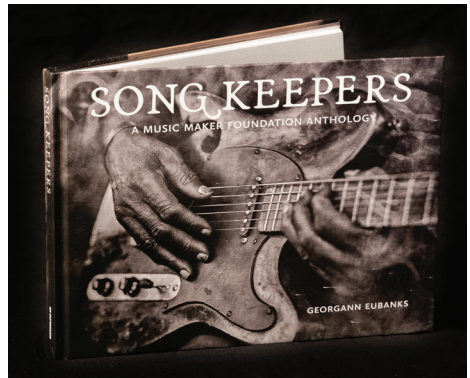
Highlights from Disc Two include a strong mix of early-, mid-, and newer-era artists such as Beverly “Guitar” Watkins’ rocking *Back in Business*, a live version of John Dee Holeman’s *Chapel Hill Boogie*, Aretta Woodruff’s excellent version of Denise LaSalle’s *Trapped*, Ironing Board Sam’s *Man of the Street*, Albert White’s *A Rose for My Lady*, James David performing Georgia’s answer to Mississippi Hill Country fife and drum with *Georgia Drumbeat*, and Hermon Hitson’s *Let the Gods Sing*.

Disc Three’s highlights include the Glorifying Vines Sisters’ *Pray for Me*, Bishop Dready Manning’s *Gospel Train*, Drink Small and Cootie Stark’s *Drinkin’ the Wine*, and Essie Mae Brooks’ touching a cappella song *Rain in Your Life*.

Highlights from Disc Four include Cary Morin’s *You Were with Me*, Durham, North Carolina’s legendary Nee Ningy Band’s *Fiddler a Dram*, the Carolina Chocolate Drops’ *Cornbread and Butterbeans*, Benton Flippen’s *Cumberland Gap*, and the Tuscarora Nation’s Deer Clan Singers’ *Pigeon Dance*.

Chapter Seven is the longest of the book and includes a story about each of the 85 songs and/or their performers.

All told, this book and these discs compellingly document the story of an impressive quest to do something no one else has done, let alone attempted, in the complicated history of American music. That is to identify, support, record, promote, put to work, and uplift vulnerable, original artists, not for profit but to improve their quality of life and bring attention to the exploitative systems and conditions that put them at risk in the first place, all while joyously celebrating their art and spreading their musical message worldwide. In an era when economic inequalities and social injustices are more glaringly prevalent than ever and when authentic American roots music is more craved by fans and more needed by everyone, we not only need to support Music Maker and proselytize its work to the unconverted, but we also need to replicate Music Maker Foundation’s model in all segments of society. Thank you, Music Maker Foundation, and happy birthday! Here’s to 30 more years and beyond.





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## **MUSIC MAKER STUDIOS T-SHIRT**

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Show the world that you're searching for the sound with our Music Maker Studios T-shirt! This comfortable black unisex tee celebrates the opening of our studios in Fountain, NC and features our new studio logo, designed by Matthew Tauch.

Purchase yours at the Music Maker shop at [www.musicmaker.org](http://www.musicmaker.org)



*Lucas Duffy, Carrboro, North Carolina, 2024. Tim Duffy.*

# MUSIC MAKER FOUNDATION'S 2024 RELEASES

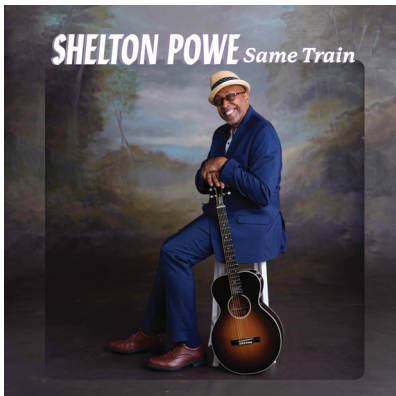
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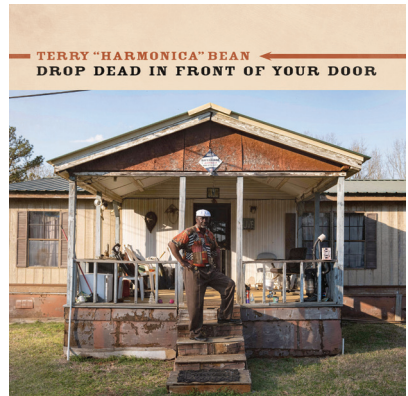
The Legendary Singing Stars,  
*Good Old Way*



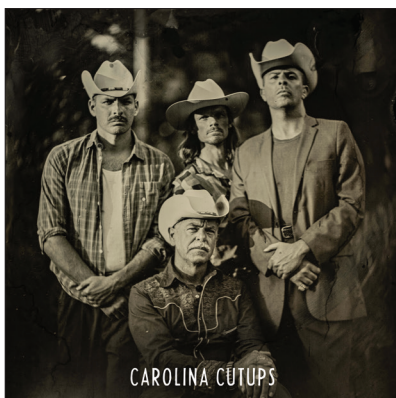
Martha Spencer, *Out in La La Land*



Shelton Powe, *Same Train*



Terry "Harmonica" Bean,  
*Drop Dead in Front of Your Door*



Carolina Cutups,  
*Carolina Cutups*



First Cosmopolitan All Male Chorus,  
*Roll Jordan Roll*



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## **GET INVOLVED AND GIVE BACK**

Music Maker Foundation depends on thousands of supporters. Together, we work to meet the day-to-day needs of the artists who create traditional American music, we ensure their voices are heard, we give all people access to our nation's hidden musical treasures.

**Please contribute or shop our store today:**

visit [www.musicmaker.org](http://www.musicmaker.org)



*Big O, Carrboro, North Carolina, 2024. Tim Duffy.*

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## **Join the Listener's Circle!**

Be the first to get all of our featured releases—including new recordings and never before heard tracks by your favorite Music Maker artists.

For a donation of \$30 a month or \$300 a year you'll receive six CDs filled with the best music we've found in our travels! Also available by digital download.

**October 2024 selection:**

***Carolina Cutups***

**December 2024 selection:**

**First Cosmopolitans All Male Chorus**

***Roll Jordan Roll***

# CREATE YOUR LEGACY

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You can help us to tend the roots of American music for generations to come when you make a planned gift to Music Maker. As a tax-exempt organization, Music Maker is an ideal beneficiary for any heavily taxed assets, while you leave less-taxed assets to your loved ones.

## **YOUR WILL**

Include language in your will or trust designating the “Music Maker Foundation (EIN 13-3782018)” as beneficiary of your assets. Contact us so we can coordinate with you to ensure your gift is used in accordance with your wishes when received.

## **RETIREMENT PLAN ASSETS**

Complete a beneficiary designation form provided by your retirement plan custodian. Designate the “Music Maker Foundation (EIN 13-3782018)” as beneficiary. Submit the form to your retirement plan custodian.

## **IRA CONTRIBUTIONS**

Individuals age 70½ years old or older can transfer up to \$100,000 per year to Music Maker Foundation from an IRA to satisfy the required minimum distribution for the year.



*David Johnson, Elba, Alabama, 1991. Axel Küstner .*

# THANK YOU!

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We are humbled and inspired by your determined, open-hearted, ongoing support for traditional music and the musicians who create it.

On behalf of Music Maker and our partner artists, thank you!



LEFT: *Tim & Denise Duffy, Pinnacle, North Carolina, 1997. Mark Austin.*  
RIGHT: *Lakota John Locklear & David Jones, Hillsborough, North Carolina, 2024. Tim Duffy.*

# THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS!

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