

The Shady Grove Coffeehouse



FOLK MUSIC'S RENAISSANCE MAN!

John McCutcheon is folk music's renaissance man, master instrumentalist, powerful singer-songwriter, storyteller, activist, and author. The *Washington Post* has said ""He has an uncanny ability to breathe new life into the familiar. His storytelling has the richness of fine literature."

No one remembers when the neighbors started calling the McCutcheons to complain about the loud singing from young John's bedroom. It didn't seem to do much good, though. For, after a shaky, lopsided battle between piano lessons and baseball, he found his voice thanks to a cheap mail-order guitar and a used book of chords.

He is most at home in live performance. It is what has brought his music into the lives and homes of one of the broadest audiences any folk musician has ever enjoyed. People of every generation and background seem to feel at home in a concert hall when John McCutcheon takes the stage, with what critics describe as "little feats of magic," "breathtaking in their ease and grace...," and "like a conversation with an illuminating old friend." Don't miss his performance at Shady Grove!

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