

Proclamation



Mike Seeger

Whereas: As a widely-known old-time musician, Mike Seeger has played the autoharp on stage over many decades, both in the United States and abroad. During this time, the autoharp enjoyed and continues to enjoy a surge of world-wide respect and legitimacy, which can be credited in a large part to Mike's fine musicianship, and his dedication to American musical history and tradition, and,

Whereas: Mike Seeger, as a performer, has made innumerable recordings with the folk music greats of our era. He is a familiar performer at major traditional music festivals throughout the world. He has inspired countless musicians of today with his performances, both as a soloist and with The New Lost City Ramblers, of which he is a founding member, and,

Whereas: As a collector and scholar of American old-time and traditional music, Mike has extensively traveled through the Appalachians to record the music of the country people. Without this research, the rich history and scope of this music would not be as comprehensive as it is today. And without Mike's efforts to present this music to the world, many traditional American tunes and songs would remain unknown, and,

Whereas: A master of several instruments and a dedicated music scholar, Mike includes the autoharp both in his performances and in his research. In doing so, he extends to the entire world an appreciation for our traditional American country music. In this way, Mike Seeger reminds the world of the permanent position the autoharp holds in our American musical heritage and tradition,

Therefore, let it be resolved that Mike Seeger be inducted with highest commendations as the 1994 contemporary member of The Autoharp Hall of Fame.

So it is proclaimed on this, the Second Day of July in the year Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Four.