



Gordon Bok Press Release

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For Immediate Release

Folksinger Gordon Bok, deemed by Time Magazine the “poet laureate of those who go down to the sea in ships”, will perform in concert at

on _____ at _____.

Tickets for the event are \$ _____ and may be purchased in advance at

_____ or by calling _____.

The concert will be sponsored by _____.

Bok grew up in Camden, Maine, where he started singing and playing guitar at an early age, inspired by both his musical family and his coastal environment. He worked on or near the water much of his earlier years, in shipyards and on sailing vessels, serving in every capacity from dishwasher to captain. As the original first mate on the sloop “Clearwater”, he toured the New England coast with the Hudson River Sloop Singers.

Bok’s music is largely self-taught. He has learned many songs and stories from people he has worked with and continues to do so. He performs with 6- and 12-string guitars as well as a baritone viol da gamba - which he designed himself. He also sings a cappella, plying the resonant bass-baritone voice that has become a Bok trademark.

His repertoire consists of a rich trove of ballads of Maine and the Maritimes, songs and dances of the Americas and abroad, stories of boats and sailors, tales of seal-folk and cantefables of his own composition, contemporary songs and instrumentals.

He has recorded over thirty albums, solo and with other musicians, and performs at folk clubs, concert halls and festivals throughout the U.S., Canada, Great Britain and Scandinavia. He has appeared in concert with the Paul Winter Consort, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and “A Prairie Home Companion” among others.

In the words of one critic, “If the sea had a voice with which to sing, it would be the voice of Gordon Bok.”