

INTERVIEW SUBMISSION

Governor Beshear presents the prestigious 2020 Milner Award to folksinger Michael Johnathon

Joining past recipients and legendary Kentuckians including **Wendell Berry, James Still, Jean Ritchie, Homer Ledford** and many others, Gov. Beshear and the Kentucky Arts Council present the prestigious 2020 MILNER Award to folksinger **Michael Johnathon**. The Milner Award is the most prestigious of the Governor's Awards for the Arts

Michael Johnathon is a songwriter, poet, author, screenwriter of the Caney Creek motion picture about Alice Lloyd, playwright of the Walden play performed over 9,000 times in 42 countries, composed the traditional opera about Woody Guthrie and community organizer, launching the national association of front porch musicians called SongFarmers, with over 75 active chapters nationwide.

WoodSongs

Broadcasting on over 500 radio stations, nationwide on public television including KET, American Forces Radio in 177 nations and every military facility in the world, coast-to-coast on the RFD TV Network and in schools

across America his live audience celebration of grassroots music, the "WoodSongs Old-Time Radio Hour" recently recorded its historic 1,000th program from the Lyric Theatre in Lexington. WoodSongs is completely volunteer run and has attracted everyone from Judy Collins, Roger McGuinn, Norah Jones, Blind Boys of Alabama, Emmylou Harris and scores of others to the bluegrass to appear on the show. WoodSongs.com/ws1000



"Kentucky is the rocking chair on America's front porch. We need the spirit and community of that front porch now more than ever ..." Michael Johnathon

WoodSongs has brought the spirit of Kentucky to radio and TV around the globe. The live audience broadcast has been produced in theatres from Arkansas to Ireland and from its home base at the Lyric Theatre in Lexington. WoodSongs now has a major display for the public at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame at Renfro Valley.

New album release date Feb 2021

• **What is happening** to the community of music and artists in the wake of this pandemic and economic meltdown?

• **What is the future** of music in Kentucky and nationwide with nearly 50% of America's stages and venues closing?

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