

ERIC HANSEN

Solo contemporary folk-rock-blues singer-songwriter

Eric might as well have a campfire on stage. The warmth and intimacy of his songs and performance style embrace every person in the audience. Stephen Seigel (Tucson Weekly) writes: "...His trademarked earnest-in-a-time-of-irony-songwriting." His body of work includes whimsical songs about frogs and baby geese, passionate songs about love lost and love found, playful adult songs with a groove and sexy slant and inspirational songs that ask human beings to build a bridge of hands in cooperation. His performances have made grown men cry and children adore him.

There is a sense of humor both in the guitar work and the sensibility of this sensual and thoughtful man. Linda J. Morris (Dirty Linen) writes: "First there's the voice-you can lose your soul in that voice" which combined with intense and confident guitar playing, makes for a rich and exciting musical experience.

Originally from Highland, Indiana, Eric began playing guitar and singing at family gatherings at the age of nine. He played in Chicago coffee houses throughout his teens, and then studied guitar, voice and musical composition at Chicago Musical College, where he stumbled upon the theater department. He spent four years as both songwriter and performer with Chicago's Free Street Theater, then 17 years in New York working in musicals, plays, radio plays, commercials, soap operas, cabaret and nightclubs.

Eric has sung in concert halls, theatres, prison, churches, hockey stadiums, mental institutions, sidewalks, hospital beds, on the phone, and most everywhere across the U.S. and Germany.

Some of where Eric's been and what he's done

See other side for more detailed info.

2003 "Music to Life Award" presented by Noel and Elizabeth Stookey. Eric won the 1998 Back Stage Bistro Award for Outstanding Songwriter and in 1999 for Outstanding Song and was named Goodwill Ambassador by the Alpha1 Association in 2000. Stone Soup Folk Arts Foundation, The Fast Folk Café-NYC, Kerrville Folk Festival, The Bluebird Café, Black Rose Acoustic Music Society, The Living Room-NYC, 2003 Daft Tour/Germany, three showcases for ASCAP. Numerous hospitals across the U.S., Phoenix, Tucson and Prescott Folk Festivals and Texas Firelight Theater. Eric can be heard on various jingles in Tucson.

He is a member of the Folk Alliance.

CDs available-

Eric Hansen/Lucky 1997, **Real Slow** 1999, **Hero In The Dark** 2001

Nobody Knows music for Kids of all ages, shapes and sizes 2001

Mission Statement

My mission is to provide quality music to audiences of all ages:
Music that is entertaining, beautiful, uplifting and inspiring.

Eric happily resides in Tucson Arizona

"No gimmicks, definitely no fourth wall. He simply weaves a gentle spell with his tender, folk-rock anthems of the heart. He has a vast canon of songs that make you think about life, love & the beauty we take for granted."

John Hoglund
Back Stage

Eric is an amazing musician. Eric sings original songs in his beautiful, warm, soothing voice as he accompanies himself so perfectly on guitar. He is a completely natural musician; his music seems to flow effortlessly from him.

Linda Ackerman
Music Director Unity of Tucson

Wraps his voice of supple leather around the solid sole of his songs for music that wears well mile after mile. His simple songs of substance forgo artifice, aiming more directly for the heart.

R.Warr, Sing Out!

...his engaging, warmly melodic original songs.

George Graham-WVIA

There is a continuing strand of thread that runs through Eric's music, from song to song, album to album, and is woven into the lyrics and that is that "Life is hard, but life is good".

Paul Katona, Borders Books & Music

I enjoy the music. You have a hopeful and great future ahead of you.

Oscar Brand, Folksong Festival- WNYC Radio

Above all, the songs are heart felt and the guy is sincere, and that goes a long way in the irony-drenched climate that we've all gotten so accustomed to.

Stephen Seigel-Tucson Weekly

This guy really blows me away. How smooth with guitar. What a voice, what songs, what sensitivity, what honesty and lust for life!

Joe Henry-Acoustic Sounds Café

I was listening to Real Slow and I was touched by the beauty of your art and I found myself awestruck by the determination of the human spirit.

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