



# PAUL METSА

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**Paul Metsa** is a legendary Minnesota musician, whose career has spanned three decades and over 5,000 gigs. He has shared the stage with everyone from **Pete Seeger** to **Bruce Springsteen**, has more than a dozen original recordings on his own label, and has produced over a dozen other artists. In addition, Paul has won seven **Minnesota Music Awards**, including the **2005 Americana Artist of the Year Award**.

Paul Metsa was a featured performer at **Farm Aid V** in Dallas, TX, the **Million Mom March** in Washington, DC, and the **Tribute to Woody Guthrie** at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Numerous newspapers and magazines, such as **Billboard** and **Spin**, have also praised Paul Metsa.

Paul is a dynamic solo performer who feels at home in front of any type audience. Besides his critically acclaimed original songs, he also includes blues, folk, and country classics in his shows. A unique aspect of Paul's performances is that they reflect his passion for music history and include stories about the evolution of American music and the legendary musicians he's met along the way. Paul is a pretty funny guy, and describes himself as a "sit down comedian."

Whether performing in a college coffeehouse or in front of 20,000 people at Farm Aid V, Paul Metsa delivers the goods!

In addition to solo concerts, Paul also teaches two academic workshops (available in 50 or 75 minute versions), which include a PowerPoint presentation, videos, and music. They are: **The Roots and Influence of Bob Dylan** and **The History of Folk and American Finger Style Guitar**, which include a PowerPoint presentation and hands-on instruction.

And as if that's not enough, Paul Metsa is also celebrating the publication of his memoirs, **Blue Guitar Highway**. Published by the **University of Minnesota Press**, his book will be available in October of 2011, and Paul will be signing copies as he tours the United States.

## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT PAUL METSA

*"Paul is a great artist. I always look forward to playing with him."* -Lyle Lovett

*"This disc should elevate Metsa to the ranks of Dylan, Springsteen, and Mellencamp."* -Austin Chronicle

*"Paul rocks the house, and plays from the heart. I am honored to call him a friend of mine."*  
-John Hammond

*"I love your songs."* -Roseanne Cash

*Metsa is a hodge-podge of people, a melting pot of different characters and performers. He's a folk singer, a blues singer, a guitarist, a social activist, a Finn, a story-teller, a comedian and philosopher.*

-MN Law and Politics