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Internationally Acclaimed Singer/Songwriter Rod MacDonald to Perform in (City)

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From the moment Rod MacDonald begins to sing, he grabs his audiences and doesn't let go. As distinctive an entertainer as he is a songwriter, his engaging delivery, wry humor, timeless ballads and modern folk songs continue to place him among the elite of singer-songwriters performing in North America today. "Smart, elegant melodies ... Lyle Lovett-by-way-Jim Croce vocals .. and richly detailed, often politically charged lyrics" writes Creative Loafing in Atlanta, Georgia.

With lyrics and music that are infectious and inspiring, often humorous, sometimes reckless, frequently evocative, usually thought provoking – and – always compelling, Rod's music stays with his audiences long after the concert has ended.

Throughout an international music career that spans 35 years, the award-winning singer/songwriter has performed at many of the world's finest clubs, coffeehouses and major festivals. Seamlessly weaving beautiful love songs in between his trademark political-socio commentaries, Rod has been described by All Music Guide as "one of the most politically and socially aware lyricists of our times."

A gifted singer and prolific songwriter whose music defies any genre label, his unique style of journalistically insightful, often tongue-in-cheek lyrics, poetic imagery and eclectic music, transcends the typical folk genre, infused with rock, pop, country, light jazz and blues. And, when his target is politics, he is at his wittiest

After graduating from Columbia Law University in 1973, and a former reporter for Newsweek Magazine, Rod realized that music was his first true love. He remained in New York, writing and performing his own songs, and became a major part of the 1980s Greenwich Village folk renaissance, performing at notable clubs such as Speakeasy and The Bottom Line.

In the mid-90s and wanting to be closer to his elderly parents, Rod moved to south Florida, and quickly became an audience favorite at clubs, coffeehouses and state festivals. Welcomed by peers and audiences alike, Rod was credited with re-igniting an existing, but somewhat stagnant music community of singer/songwriters, and was further distinguished by the media as 'Best Local Performer' (The New Times) and 'Best Acoustic Act' (Best of Palm Beach).

After the tragic events of 911, in typical thought-provoking honesty, he wrote and recorded "My Neighbors In Delray", a contemplative commentary about how easily the 911 terrorists housed in Delray Beach, and living only blocks away from Rod himself, were able to so unobtrusively blend into the south Florida culture and lifestyle-all the while plotting their subversive activities. The song earned a Top Folk Finalist award I the 2003 USA Songwriting Competition.

Rod has released 9 solo CDs in the U.S. and Europe, including "After The War", his most recent and long awaited CD of some of his most-loved songs. Working with an outside producer for the first time – former Ryan Adams and The Cardinals guitarist, JP Bowersock, and supported by artists David Roth, Ellen Bukstel and others, this CD is a stellar representation of Rod's singing and artistic talents. "The result is what MacDonald's fans have waited for since the law school graduate-turned-songwriter arrived on Greenwich Village's folk scene in the late 1970s" writes Dirty Linen.

Rod continues to tour internationally and perform locally at state-wide festivals and many other venues. His music has been covered by more than two dozen notable artists, including recordings of his signature songs "American Jerusalem" and "Sailor's Prayer". When not touring, he is an instructor with Florida Atlantic University through their Lifelong Learning Program, presenting an on-going and well-attended 8 week lecture/performance series about music history, most recently "The Great American Songbook."

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