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## ACCLAIMED SINGER-SONGWRITER JOINED BY GRAMMY WINNING INSTRUMENTALIST FOR LIBRARY APPEARANCE

April 12, 2019

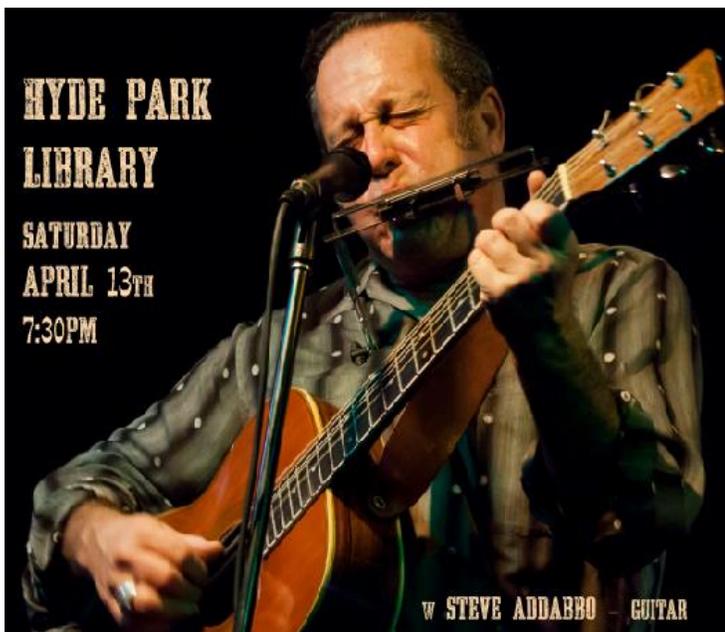
Dear Hyde Park Library Patrons,

Upstate singer-songwriter Marc Berger's evocation of the American West culminated in his acclaimed 2012 release RIDE. His compositions from that record and from his work since "echo the stark, evocative songs of Springsteen's *Nebraska*, the cinematic tone of Mark Knopfler and the Lone Star alt-country charms of Guy Clark and Townes Van Zant" (*Direct Current*).

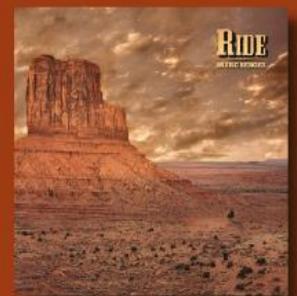
Marc has performed at Austin's South X Southwest and the Kerrville and Falcon Ridge Folk Festivals and has opened shows for Bob Dylan and other several national acts. His song "The Last One" was a staple of Richie Havens' concerts.

His acclaimed album RIDE is a collection of songs all having to do with the romance of the American West. The release has gotten national airplay and terrific reviews--and was licensed by Starbucks for worldwide in-store airplay.

The concert will combine a performance of RIDE with stories about his experiences as an easterner in the mountain and desert west. He will be joined by Grammy winning producer/musician Steve Addabbo on guitar.



MARC BERGER PERFORMS RIDE



RIDE is ALBUM OF THE YEAR: "Transcends modern acoustic folk...makes the writers want to write and singers sing...an instant American classic" - *Nanobotrock.com*

"It's [RIDE] the breathtaking grandeur of the high desert and plateaus suspended between the pioneer days and ten minutes ago" - *FAME (Folk & Acoustic Music Exchange)*

"Gritty, cinematic tales of the real west...at times stripped bare, at other times dramatic and haunting...an experience like no other album I've heard this year." - *MAVERICK, U.K.*

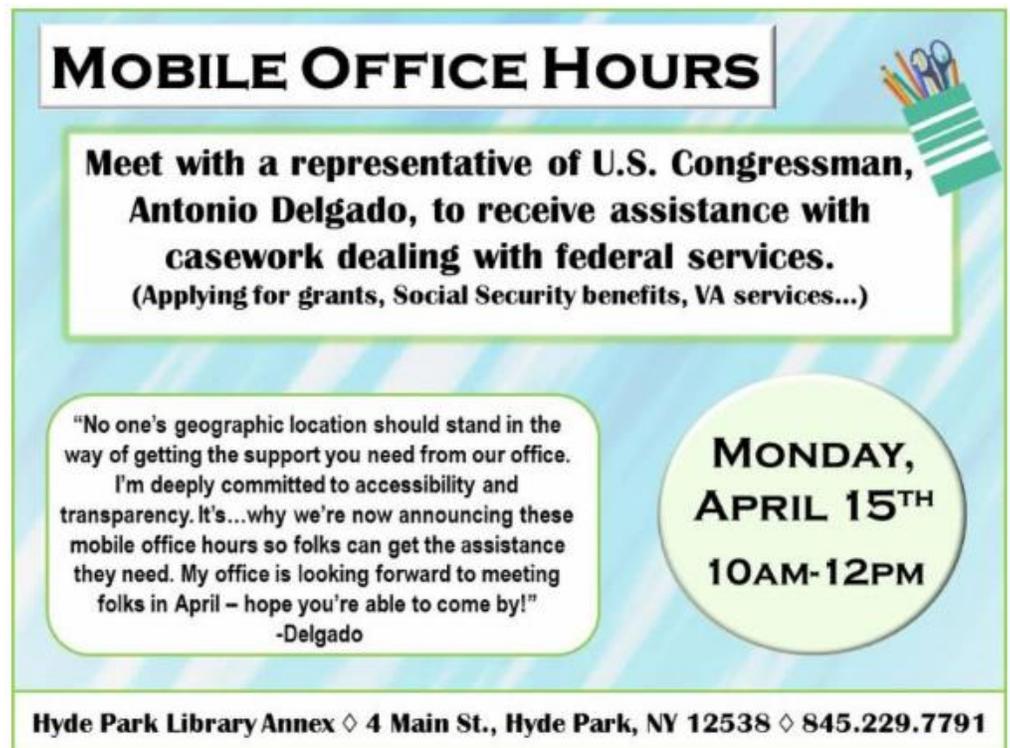
[www.marcbergermusic.com](http://www.marcbergermusic.com)

Additional Commentary of Marc Berger and RIDE: ("Reads like a love letter to the American West.....brims with pure plucky-folk that the likes of The Civil Wars, The Lumineers, and even Norah Jones are bringing to the forefront of popular music....a sad reminder of simpler times that most modern Americans will never experience nor appreciate.....one part Springsteen and one part Dylan, but with pure charisma that is all Berger" (Jayvee, *TRT! The Roundtable.com*).

As noted above, Marc will be accompanied by Grammy winning instrumentalist and producer Steve Addabbo (whose production work for artists like Shawn Colvin and Suzanne Vega has also brought him significant acclaim).

## FEDERAL CASEWORK ASSISTANCE FROM CONGRESSMAN DELGADO'S STAFF

Are you or someone you know seeking help on dealing with any kind of casework involving federal services (farming or other grants, Social Security benefits, Veterans' services, etc.)? U.S. Representative Delgado has recently announced a series of "Mobile Office Hours" at various public sites in his district to, effectively, bring his "office staff" to the public. With so many people having questions and concerns about federal services, this need has never been more critical. The Hyde Park Library is happy to offer its facility as a venue for the first of many Dutchess County "Mobile Office Hours." This service will be offered on Monday, April 15th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.



**MOBILE OFFICE HOURS**

**Meet with a representative of U.S. Congressman, Antonio Delgado, to receive assistance with casework dealing with federal services. (Applying for grants, Social Security benefits, VA services...)**

"No one's geographic location should stand in the way of getting the support you need from our office. I'm deeply committed to accessibility and transparency. It's...why we're now announcing these mobile office hours so folks can get the assistance they need. My office is looking forward to meeting folks in April – hope you're able to come by!"  
-Delgado

**MONDAY, APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> 10AM-12PM**

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## Art & Music In the Annex

Our next Open Mic will take place on Sunday, April 28th at 1:30 p.m. We're delighted to announce that our friend Karl Schmidt will be the featured act at that time. What is particularly cool about Karl being our musical feature is the fact that he is also our exhibiting visual artist as well.

Every once in a while, we are fortunate enough to have a visual artist exhibiting his or her works here who is also a gifted musician. Karl is precisely that kind of "double threat." There is something particularly satisfying about having a performer appear here surrounded by his or her visual artwork. And this will be just such an occasion.



**Open Mic**

**Sunday,  
Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>  
1:30pm**

**With  
Featured  
Act:**

**Karl Schmitz**

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Sign-up for open mic begins at 1:30 p.m. (along with a pre-show, featuring our co-hosts Maureen and Don Black). Open mic performances begin at 2:00p.m. Karl Schmidt will take the stage at 3:15. Online sign-up will be available several days in advance of the event.

And mark your calendars for the following upcoming acts in our concert series.

Roots artist Marc Berger (see on page 1) will appear on Saturday, April 13th at 7:30. Michael Ronstadt and Aaron Nathans on Sunday, May

5th at 1:00 p.m. Rod MacDonald with Mark Dann on Friday, May 17th at 7:30 p.m.; Grampa Joe's Washboard Band on Saturday, June 5th at 7:30 p.m.; classical guitarist Peter Fletcher on Saturday, July 13th at 7:30 p.m.; and Ron Renninger on Saturday, July 20th at 7:30 p.m.

## Book Club News - Young Adult and Adult Levels

Hyde Park Library Book Club members might want to note that there has been a slight change in this year's schedule, one that does not affect any immediately scheduled dates, but due to a scheduling conflict the November date for the Monday evening group will now be November 18th.

Speaking of the Book Club, we do like to stress that visitors are always welcome. If you happen to have read a title that the book club is discussing in a given month, by all means consider "dropping in" and sharing your insights. Who knows? You just may decide to become an active "year 'round" member--but even if you do not, you still will have likely enjoyed an evening (or afternoon) of stimulating conversation about a book you know.

This month's selection, for instance, is the very popular and much discussed memoir *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance. This book has been described (by Amy Chua) as a "beautifully and powerfully written memoir about the author's journey from a troubled, addiction-torn Appalachian family to Yale Law School," one that is, "shocking, heartbreaking, gut-wrenching, and hysterically funny" and "a profoundly important book."

Sessions for discussion of *Hillbilly Elegy* will be on Monday, April 15th at 6:30 p.m. and Friday, April 19th at 12:00 p.m.

## Possibility of Evening Mystery Club Sessions

As noted in last month's newsletter, we do get periodic inquiries about an evening session for our mystery club. Of course, it's not always easy getting a new book group off the ground. Schedules can vary drastically, so picking the precise dates and times is key. We also may want to review the possible titles available (if it seems that most members of any evening group do not simply want to read the title already assigned to the daytime group).

If you're interested, please contact Greg Callahan (at [director@hydeparkfreelibrary.org](mailto:director@hydeparkfreelibrary.org) or by calling 845-229-7791 ext. 205) and advise him of your interest and any suggestions you may have.

## Re-Joyce (James Joyce Book Club)

Also noted in earlier newsletters, an interest and planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 11th at 6:30. For anyone unable to attend, we ask them to contact Greg Callahan at (845) 229-7791 ext. 205, or via email at [director@hydeparkfreelibrary.org](mailto:director@hydeparkfreelibrary.org).

## YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUB

Our Young Adult book club is moving full speed ahead reading titles that will be the basis of this year's Battle of the Books competition. It's not too late to join us however, and as we've noted before, you really can't beat the book club as a way to read and discuss a varied array of YA books and to meet and share ideas with other young readers.

The next session of the YA group will be on Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. We'll be discussing the book *Super Max* by Susan Vaught. Young readers interested in attending, should contact Janet Battistoni at (845)229-7791 ext 203 or email [childrens@hydeparkfreelibrary.org](mailto:childrens@hydeparkfreelibrary.org).

The Hyde Park Library's  
**Teen Book Club**  
*Super Max and the Mystery of Thornwood's Revenge*  
**Thurs.,  
Apr. 18<sup>th</sup>  
@6:45pm**  
**Teens/Tweens  
Grades 5 & Up  
Welcome!**  
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## MOVIES IN THE ANNEX

You may have noticed a bit of a name change in our current film series. We continue to screen the many and various films that have been entered into the Library of Congress' National Film Registry. We have just changed the name of the series from "The Library of Congress Selects..." to "National Film Series Selections." These are all films have been deemed by the Library of Congress as being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant" and deserving of preservation.

So far in April, we have screened the groundbreaking film *Eve's Bayou* and are looking forward to two more screenings in the series: On April 19th we'll show John Ford's *The Informer*, the 1935 drama set in the times of the Irish War of Independence. The film stars Victor McLachlan and Heather Angel.

On April 26th, we are scheduled to show the acclaimed independent and Native American-themed *Smoke Signals* from 1998. The film is unique as

an all-Native American production: producers, director (Chris Eyre), screenwriter (Sherman Alexie), actors (Adam Beach, Evan Adams and Irene Bedard) and technicians. Based on screenwriter Alexie's novel *The Lone Ranger And Tonto Fistfight in Heaven*.

**The Hyde Park Library's Film Series:**  
**National Film Registry Selections**

All Films Start at 7pm on Fridays

Apr. 7th "Eve's Bayou" (1997) Drama

Apr. 19th "The Informer" (1935) Crime Drama

Apr. 26th "Smoke Signals" (1998) Comedy Drama

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## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT BEGINS APRIL 12th

On Friday evenings when a film from the National Registry series is not being shown, we are starting a new Family Movie Night. April's entry will be Rob Reiner's *The Princess Bride* (1987), starring Cary Elwes, Robin Wright and a very memorable Mandy Patinkin. Time magazine called the film "fun for the whole family" and later listed it as one of the "Best of '87".

Please note--to accommodate family schedules--films scheduled for Family Movie Night will screen at 6:30.

*The Hyde Park Free Library's New Film Series:*

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

Rated PG

1987 Fantasy Adventure Film:  
**The Princess Bride**

**Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>  
 @ 6pm**

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## RECYCLING AS A FAMILY ACTIVITY

Last year, we celebrated Earth Day by holding a session we called "Recycling 101," featuring facilitator Kerry Russell of Dutchess County Resource Recovery. The program was highly informative. Attendees learned that they can recycle many more things than they'd ever thought possible.

Some of the most ardent recyclers are kids, we find, and when we learned that Ms. Russell offers a program for the whole family, we were very excited to run such a program for children and adults. We're holding the session Thursday, April 18th at 2:00 p.m. in the library's S. June Keyes Annex. Since this is school break period, we're hoping that children of school age and their parents or guardians will take advantage of the program. Younger children are welcome as well (at the discretion of their parents). It's never too early to learn how to save the planet.

**Celebrate Earth Day:**  
Recycling for the Whole Family

with Facilitator  
**Kerry Russell, DC  
Resource Recovery**

**Thursday,  
Apr. 18<sup>th</sup>  
@ 2pm**

Suggested Ages: 3 and Up

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