



Hailing from the evergreen Pacific Northwest, and well-traveled since childhood, Michael Henchman's thoughtful, imagery-rich songwriting reveals a deep fascination with a wider cinematic canvas; of life's side roads that often beckon, of journeys on the quest for connective meaning that we all share, of how the heart becomes entangled by time and distance. His warm and reminiscent songs have been described as "progressive folk mixed with redwoods, diners, grassy plains, a dash of longing, and a bit of road dust for texture."

Michael's latest recording "Near and Far" (EP), a mostly-acoustic project, explores characters finding their way along wayward paths... the sweetness of coming home; being free yet not free of love; hard times on the prairie; stepping into a larger life after loss of a parent.

He began writing songs in his teens, and headed to Alaska as a young adult to work as a pipe laborer on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, finding once again a vast landscape that held its own magic. Over the years, he has performed in various folk, jazz, and rock-n-roll bands, and was commissioned to compose music for several public television programs about Alaska.

Michael continues his search for stories from the many places that people call home. Whether performing solo or with full backing band, he brings a sense of emotional truth to his songs and to the continuing theme of 'roads less traveled'.

## AWARDS

- Winner, 2017 Juniper Jam Festival Songwriting Contest
- Finalist, 2016 & 2015 IAMA (Utah) Susanne Millsaps Performing Songwriter Contest
- Winner, 2nd Place, 2015 Smoky Mountains Songwriters Festival Songwriting Contest, Lyrics
- Finalist, 2015 Great American Song Contest - Folk/Americana
- Honorable Mention, 2015 & 2014 Woody Guthrie Songwriting Contest
- Winner, 3rd Place, 2014 Tumbleweed Music Festival

## WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

*"Highly original... catchy musical expression and craftsmanship that transcends pigeonholing... a fresh sound."*

- Indie Artists Alliance

*"Pure Americana magic... full of cautionary tales and a passion for life... narrative lyrics and sincere performances [from] an artist who embraces each moment."*

- Gashouse Radio

*"Unique hybrid singer-songwriter style that fuses the rhythms of folk and vintage melodies with a lyrical sense of humor... appeals to so many different senses."*

- Skope

## RELEASED RECORDINGS

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| • Self-titled (EP)       | 2011 |
| • 40 Miles From Midnight | 2014 |
| • Near and Far (EP)      | 2015 |



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