

# Chasing the great LEAD

A LIVE STREAM EVENT  
SONGS & SPOKEN WORD  
PERFORMED WITH 12-STRING GUITAR

# BELLY

In the summer of 1990, **Mark Dvorak** set out towards Louisiana on his own in search of the grave of the great Huddie Ledbetter. The trip was chronicled in the 1993 audio documentary *Lead Belly's Legacy*, produced for WDCB 90.9 fm Public Radio, Glen Ellyn IL. The show aired in 160 cities earning Dvorak a Peter Lisagor Award for journalism.

Dvorak and the excellent singer **Marianne Mohrhussen** recreate the original script in a one-of-a-kind presentation, complete with narration and 13 classic songs from the singing of the great Lead Belly.

Mark accompanies the program on a custom-built Ralph Bown 12-string guitar, a replica of the 1930s-era

Stella played by Ledbetter and now on display at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland OH.

Along with Woody Guthrie and Pete Seeger, Lead Belly is regarded as one of the great American folk song composers and performers. Born in the late 1880s, Lead Belly was a song collector, an animated entertainer and a crack musician. Although he never achieved great success as a performer and recording artist in his lifetime, his songs and legend are inherently woven into the fabric of American folklore and popular music.



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## SATURDAY • MAY 29 • 6:00 pm CDT