

PROGRAM BY SINGER/SONGWRITER

# Charlie Maguire

**TITLE:**

## Songwriting Sleuth: Charlie Maguire Sings Gripping Minnesota Tales!

**DESCRIPTION:**

Who saved countless people from the horror of the Hinkley Fire? How did it feel to be on a sinking frozen ore boat just yards from shore in Duluth during the Mataffa storm? What was it like to lead over 50 African-Americans out of bondage in the largest mass escape in the history of the Civil War? What woman was held at gunpoint trying to save Minnesota's first State Park, and why?

"Minnesota's Songwriting Sleuth" Charlie Maguire has the answers to these and more stories in gripping songs and ballads he has researched meticulously over the years. Indeed, researching and writing hitherto unsung stories of ordinary people doing extraordinary things when faced with a crisis, is one of the major contributions Maguire has made to the lexicon American folk song. Charlie has unearthed these true tales not only for his own curiosity, but also for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the National Park Service, and the Smithsonian Institution. Pete Seeger said of Charlie's work; "Your songs are damn good, and so are you!" The Winnipeg Folk Festival calls Charlie "A legend in the Midwest..." There is more to Minnesota courage than Charles A. Lindbergh! Find out who the others are, and hold onto your chairs!



CONCERT LENGTH: 75 minutes  
AUDIENCE SIZE: 25-200 people  
AUDIENCE TYPE: all ages

**BOOK PROGRAM  
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