



# Stephen H. Baird

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**What do you get when you mix kazoos, limberjacks, tambourines,  
& elephant costumes, puppets, songs and a whole bunch of kids?**

## **A Stephen Baird Children's Concert!**

A sidewalk minstrel from Boston with over three decades of performances, Stephen Baird, enchants young and old alike with wonderful stories, poems, jokes, and plenty of songs. His repertoire is seemingly endless, ranging from Irish ditties to ragtime to sing-alongs. With leprechaun charm, he accompanies himself on all manner of instruments; mandolin, banjo, dulcimer, autoharp, kazoo, tambourine, animal costumes, and the fascinating limberjack - a percussion instrument in the form of a wooden puppet toy. Stephen Baird makes a place where people meet and touch each other through art and music.

Stephen Baird has toured forty-eight states and Europe, playing on street corners, at fairs, festivals, concerts, coffeehouses, schools, libraries and over one hundred college campuses since 1971. Instrumental in legalizing street performing in Boston in 1973, he has since become nationally renowned as an advocate of street performing.

Stephen Baird restructured Passim, the historic folk music venue in Cambridge, as a nonprofit organization in 1995-1997, co-founded the Bread & Roses Festival in Lawrence in 1986, founded the Folk Arts Network in 1982, published the New England Folk Almanac and Folk Directory from 1982-1996, produced Jamaica Plain Open Studios and was the Executive Director of the Jamaica Plain Arts Council from 1999-2001.



Photo: Susan Wilson

Stephen has been featured in Time, Newsweek, People and many other magazines, a PBS-TV documentary, a Discovery Channel documentary, and at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

Flexible and versatile, he is equally at home in a classroom, on a coffeehouse stage, lecturing at a conference or emceeding festivals.

Performance and lecture fees:

- \$500 to \$1,000 for first performance/lecture
- \$300 for additional engagements same day
- \$1,000 to \$1,500 for first band performances
- \$800 for additional band gigs same day
- \$1,000 to \$1,500 for full day residency
- \$400 to \$600 library nonprofit rate

ASL Interpreting by Wendy Jehlen can be provided  
\$100 first hour, \$50 each additional hours

View and download videos, press kit, teacher guide and photos: [www.CommunityArtsAdvocates.org/BairdKids.html](http://www.CommunityArtsAdvocates.org/BairdKids.html)

*"It just wouldn't be the Street Festival with out Stephen! He is a puppeteer, singer/songwriter, the director of impromptu comedy and commentator on life and the premier advocate of street performers everywhere. Stephen is the embodiment and spirit of our Street Festival."*

**-- Marblehead Festival of Arts**

*"Small, elfish, with remarkable energy and street presence, Baird has an enormous repertoire... crowds inevitably gather around him and he possesses the uncanny ability to turn an otherwise rational crowd of adults into a hand-clapping, singing, foot-stomping, head-nodding mass."*

**-- Boston Globe**

*"But none has honored his roots—or his audience—as fondly as the man street players now call 'the Dean.' Good show."*

**-- People Magazine**

*"What an entertainer! You are indeed the Pied Piper of our Fine Arts Festival. I am not sure whether we will even be able to have another festival without you!"*

**-- Illinois Central College**



## Programs Offered:

- Folk music concerts solo or band
- Roving street performances
- Workshop: "Artist Career Development"
- Children's music concerts solo or band
- Lecture: "Street Music and the First Amendment"
- Workshop: "Grassroots Nonprofit Management"

## Selected Appearances (\* one to four five or more return engagements):

### COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

- \* Bloomsburg State College
- Boston College
- \* Boston University
- Cayuga County Cmty. College
- \* Eastern Conn. State College
- \* Eastern Illinois University
- \* Fitchburg State College
- Illinois Central College
- \* Indiana St. Univ./Evansville
- Kent State University
- Lorain Cnty. Cmty. College
- \* Loyola University
- \* Michigan State University
- North Adams State College
- \* Oberlin College
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.
- Salam State College
- \* Saint John University
- \* Southern Illinois University
- \* SUNY/Albany
- SUNY/Cobleskill
- \* SUNY/Geneseo
- SUNY/Oneonta
- \* Syracuse University
- \* Univ. of Connecticut
- \* University of Colorado
- Univ. of Bridgeport
- Univ. of Illinois/Urbana
- Univ. of Massachusetts
- \* Univ. of Michigan
- Univ. Wisc./Eau Claire
- \* Villanova University
- \* Wellesley College
- \* West Chester State Coll.
- \* Western Illinois Univ.
- Worcester State College
- Youngstown State Univ.

### CLUBS AND FESTIVALS

- Club Passim
- Cafe Lena
- \* New Song Coffeehouse
- me & thee Coffeehouse
- Nameless Coffeehouse
- Bread & Roses Festival
- Earl of Oldtown
- Sombody Else's Troubles
- Folkways Coffeehouse
- \* New Bedford Summer Fest
- Auburn Folklife Fest
- Peoria Fine Arts Festival

### CAMPS, LIBRARIES, CORPORATIONS, MUSEUMS & SCHOOLS

- \* Aquarium Concerts
- \* Boston Public Libraries
- \* Boston Public Schools
- \* Brookline Elementary Schools
- \* Burlington Public Library
- \* Boston Community Schools
- \* Chelmsford South Row PTA
- \* Children's Hospital
- Children's Museum
- \* Gardner Heritage Park
- \* Hyde Park YMCA Camp
- Jewish Community Camp
- \* Kamp for Kids
- Lawrence Heritage Park
- \* Leominster Public Library
- \* Lynn Public Library
- \* Medford Public Library
- Millipore Corp Holiday Party
- \* Needham Public Library
- \* Newton South High School
- \* North Suburban YMCA
- \* Pembroke Elementary Schools

- PriceWaterhouseCoopers Holiday Party
- \* Reading Public Library
- \* Springfield Public Library
- \* Sterling Education Assoc.
- \* Wilburham Soule School PTO

### AND OVER 2,000 SCHOOLS, CLUBS, EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

### ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

- University of Illinois (1985)

### TELEVISION

- ABC Special "People"
- NBC Nightly News
- Discovery Channel "Street Music"
- PBS Documentary "Streetsinger"
- WBZ "Evening Magazine" and "Children's Hospital Telethon"
- WCVB "Chronicle"
- WGBX Ch. 44 (PBS)
- WHA Madison WI

### RADIO, Boston & else where

- WBCN, WBRS, WBUR, WBZ, WEEI, WERS, WGBH, WHRB, WHBR, WUMB, WADN,
- WPKN (Bridgeport CT),
- WHUS (Chicago),
- WUMN (Minneapolis, MN)

### PERIODICALS

- Time, Newsweek, People, New York Times, Boston Globe, Boston Herald, Boston Phoenix, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Village Voice, Chicago Sun Times, Milwaukee Journal, Syracuse Times, Wisconsin State Journal, Sing Out!