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The Dulcimer Guy visits Sandburg home

Historic site presents storyteller and musician Mike Anderson on Aug. 29 for latest Songbag concert

GALESBURG – The Carl Sandburg State Historic Site welcomes Mike Anderson, a talented storyteller and extraordinary musician, for two performances on Aug. 29 in the site’s Songbag concert series.

Anderson is known simply as “the dulcimer guy” for his skills on the mountain dulcimer, but his talents go much further. He also plays guitar, banjo, jaw harp and nose flute. His stories are both fun and educational, and he often shows teachers how they can develop student literacy through storytelling.



His performances win praise wherever he goes. “Mike’s easy ability to make everyone smile makes him a big hit. It’s amazing to see a room full of people, people of all ages, having so much fun,” said Jenny Hamlin of Louisiana’s Lafayette Natural History Museum.

Anderson kicks off the evening at 7 p.m. as part of the historic site’s Songbag concert series in the site’s barn at 313 E. Third Street, Galesburg. A second set will begin at approximately 8:20.

A donation of \$3 per person is suggested, and refreshments will be served.

Anderson’s appearance is sponsored by the Carl Sandburg Historic Site Association and the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

For more about his work, visit www.dulcimerguy.com.

The next "Songbag" concert takes place Sept. 26 and features Phil Passen performing traditional American and Celtic music. David Berchtold, guitarist and singer will be performing at the October 31 "Songbag" concert.



Carl Sandburg was a collector and performer of America's folk songs. The series is named in honor of Sandburg's book "The American Songbag," published in 1927.

The Carl Sandburg State Historic Site, administered by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, includes the home where the famed poet and biographer was born. For more information, visit www.sandburg.org.

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