

'Spider' John Koerner to Perform at Brookhaven Lab April 16

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UPTON, NY — Legendary folk musician “Spider” John Koerner will perform at the U.S. Department of Energy’s Brookhaven National Laboratory on Friday, April 16, at 8 p.m. at the Brookhaven Center. Sponsored by the BNL Music Club, the concert is open to the public. All visitors to the Laboratory 16 and older must bring a photo I.D.

Koerner began playing folk music in 1958 with a borrowed guitar and a Burl Ives songbook. Over the past 50 years, he has performed as a solo artist, and, with a variety of legendary partners, including Dave Ray, Tony Glover, and Bob Dylan. Koerner has been credited with shaping the path of American country blues and folk music.

Carrying a wide array of songs in his portfolio, Koerner began recording music in the 1960s. In 2001, his recording, “A Nod to Bob” was released in tribute to Dylan for his 60th birthday.

In 2008, the Boston Globe acknowledged Koerner with a review that described him as “defying his years with a ramshackle demeanor (all gangly arms and legs and tucked-in flannel shirt) and the true essence of hootenanny -- spirited, communal, and completely off the cuff.”

Koerner has a passion for astronomy and has reconstructed telescopes in Arizona, Minnesota, New England, Mexico, and Zimbabwe. Also, when he isn’t busy playing guitar, he spends his free time boat building. He currently resides in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

In addition to the Friday night concert, on Saturday at noon, at the Laboratory, Koerner will offer a 12-string guitar and harmonica workshop where he will share his unique history and style. The workshop cost is \$35 person and is limited to ten participants. Tickets for the concert are \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of the show. Tickets may be purchased through www.ticketweb.com or at the door. Advance ticket purchase is recommended.

For more information, call 631 344-3846.

For more information on “Spider” John Koerner go to: <http://www.mwt.net/~koerner>.