

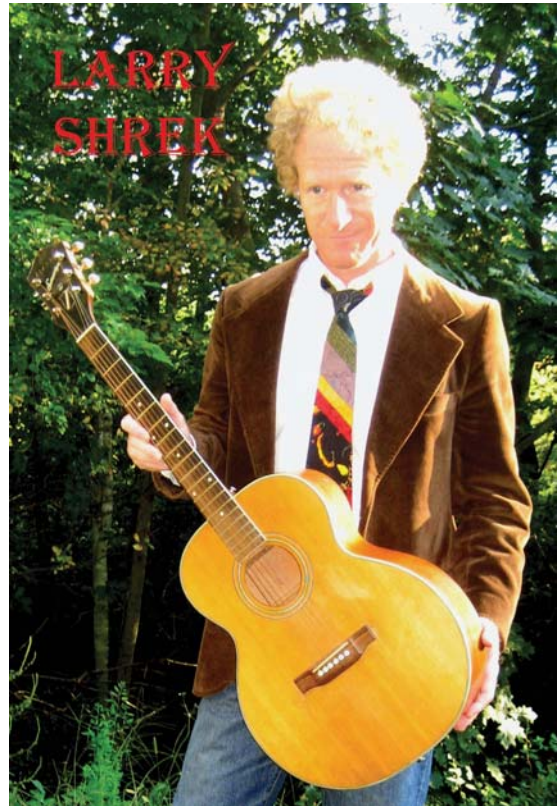


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Larry Shrek – Biography

Larry Shrek's latest recording, *The Good Life* (2008), is an acoustic blend of originals and a few uniquely arranged covers. The album was recorded at Larry's house where guest musicians were given free creative reigns once a microphone was placed in front of them. The result was a slow-cooked mellifluous stew. Musicians include Rushad Eggleston (Crooked Still) on cello, Lincoln Meyers on flat-picked lead guitar, Bob Halprin on lead guitar, Tom Dean on lead guitar, Kent Allyn on bass, Joe Rogers on percussion, and Bruce Stelter on mandolin.

Shall we compare his sound to more familiar songwriters? Well, if Greg Brown, James Taylor, and Gordon Lightfoot had a baby boy, it would probably grow up to sound like Larry Shrek. He scored his first singing gig at 10 years old, making \$1.50 a week in a southwest Florida church choir. After trumpet and baritone in secondary schools he started playing guitar and penning songs in college and what began as a hobby soon became a necessity. He has since developed a contemporary acoustic songwriting style and smooth sound all his own.



Larry lives in Kittery, Maine and has been a professional singer/songwriter since 1991. The product of a musical family, Larry was born in Georgia and spent his formative years in Florida and New Jersey. Solo professional performing began at a coffee house in the New York City area, which quickly led to full time gigging and a musical migration from Florida to New England playing Gulf-side tiki bars in the winter and rustic New England taverns in the warmer months. He's played festivals to weddings to restaurants and everything in between. His shows feature original material peppered with personally arranged cover and traditional tunes sung in a rich baritone voice and accompanied by standard as well as baritone acoustic guitars.

Other recordings by Larry include *Listen* (2004) and *Big Surprise* (2000). He's been featured on several CD compilations including the *Seacoast Songwriters Vol. II* and *Wire_Radio Vol. I*.

Larry Shrek – Quotes/Reviews

"Larry gave the crowd a well rounded performance and has a superb vocal range perfect for folk & acoustical songs. We highly recommend him for any size show." *Jerry Saint Amand, Manager, UU Coffeehouse, Waterville, Maine*

"Listen," is mature, thoughtful and poetic, the blend of stick to your ribs lyrics, vivid vocals, and memorable melodies Seacoast night lifers have come to expect from Kittery, Maine's Larry Shrek. *Chuck Ginsberg – Portsmouth Herald Spotlight, April 2004*

Shrek's thought-provoking ruminations stand out poetically. He has something to say and says it gracefully. First-rate music, melodic, mood enhancing, and evocative, embellishes the author's fluent juxtaposition of relationships and the natural order. *Chuck Ginsberg – Portsmouth Herald Spotlight, April 2004*

"The clear vocal tone of this Kittery, Mainer-and his warm, conversational delivery-is reminiscent of fellow New England ambler James Taylor." *the Wire, February 18-24, 2004*

"Larry has a style all his own, which is hard to come by. His songs and the voice that sings them are honest, heartfelt and captivating. A true talent." *Tom Dean, February 2004*

"With a terrific new CD, produced by Tom Dean and graced with the talents of some major sidemen including Duke Levine, Larry has really reached his stride musically. Don't miss this show with one of the seacoast's most talented songwriters." *Ray Brandin – The Dolphin Striker, Portsmouth, NH*

"Shrek's latest is a gem." – The Morning Sentinel, mainetoday.com

Some Radio Stations Playing Larry Shrek

- WUMB, Folk Radio, Boston, MA
- New Hampshire Public Radio/WEVO, *The Folk Show*
- Utah Public Radio/KUSU, *Fresh Folk*
- WKZE, Sharon, CT, *Harmony Junction*
- WMHB, Waterville, ME, *Jerry's Place*
- KZSC, Santa Cruz, CA, *Heaven's Bar 'n Grill*
- KMUD, Humboldt County, CA
- WMUA, Amherst, MA, *The Acoustic Café*
- WXOU, Auburn Hills, MI, *The Old Front Porch Radio Show*
- WSCA, Portsmouth, NH
- WUVT, Blacksburg, VA
- Wisconsin Public Radio (WPR), *Simply Folk*
- KFAI, Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN, *Stone Soup*
- Wire On-line Radio, Portsmouth, NH
- North Country Public Radio, Canton, NY, *The Folk Show*
- WRMC, Middlebury, VT
- Jefferson Public Radio, Ashland, OR, *Folk Show*
- WFIT, Melbourne, FL
- KAFM, Grand Junction, CO
- WCLZ, Portland, ME
- KPBX-FM, Spokane, WA, *Nacho Celtic*

Some Stages Played by Larry Shrek

- UU Coffeehouse, Waterville, ME
- Stone Church, Newmarket, NH
- Dolphin Striker, Portsmouth, NH
- York Harbour Inn, York, ME
- The Press Room, Portsmouth, NH
- Prescott Park, Portsmouth, NH
- Countless other taverns, charity events, tiki bars, fairs, malls, parties, weddings, etc.

Larry Shrek Discography

- The Good Life (2008), Listen (2004), Big Surprise (2000)

Sampler CD's Featuring Larry Shrek

- Seacoast Songwriters Volume II
- Wire Radio Volume I
- Oasis Acoustic Sampler Volumes 47 & 8-20

