



Spook Handy Band Recommendation

It was a packed concert—a sea of people singing, dancing and enjoying music at a free concert in tribute to Pete Seeger, and it absolutely was aligned with our mission, *Building Community Through the Arts*. I am pleased to have met and worked with Spook Handy and his band and highly recommend presenting them in your performing arts center. Spook and his band played at our outdoor concert series in Princeton and his performance was unique and exceptional. Brining the essence of folk music alive in a wholesome and honest way, Spook and his band share stories and the great American history together through the eyes of Pete Seeger and other greats who lived their lives performing music for a change. Spook sings of peace, acceptance, freedom and other fundamental values of growing up in a world that can benefit from working together to create a harmonious environment unrelated to age, race, religion and economics. The evening concert brought back memories to the older generation, and the young kids found the music fun and engaging.

I was unsure what to expect for a Pete Seeger tribute, but am thoroughly pleased with the performance, and am looking forward to finding other ways to bring Spook into our community again. I could only imagine that his workshops are as thorough and community oriented as his performances. The least I could do is spend a couple minutes to express how his performance made a difference for our organization and community.

Spook provides music for a change, music to give you hope, music that teaches responsibility and social awareness, all seeming fresh and genuine. It's presented honestly and openly and I truly believe that everyone walked away from that concert feeling like a better human being. I invite you to check out his website (<http://spookhandy.com/>) and get in touch with him about a performance that will have your community feeling inspired about the future.

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