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### Event Details



When: April 14, 2012 from 8:00am - 5:30pm

Where: University Park Campus, Bovard Auditorium

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### The Concert

Following the conference, a concert will be held at Club Nokia at L.A. Live on Saturday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m. with Jackson Browne, Crosby and Nash, Dawes, John Doe, Richie Furay, Sarah Lee Guthrie and Johnny Irion, Kris Kristofferson, Tom Morello, Joel Rafael and Rob Wasserman.

#### SPECIAL DISCOUNT FOR USC STUDENTS:

USC students who register for the conference can purchase discounted tickets for the Club Nokia concert for \$20 each (two-ticket limit per USC student ID). Instructions will be provided after you sign up for the conference. For info on purchasing tickets, [click here](#).

The celebration is a collaborative effort between the GRAMMY Museum, the Woody Guthrie Archives and four distinguished universities: University of Tulsa, Brooklyn College, Pennsylvania State University and USC.

### Event Description

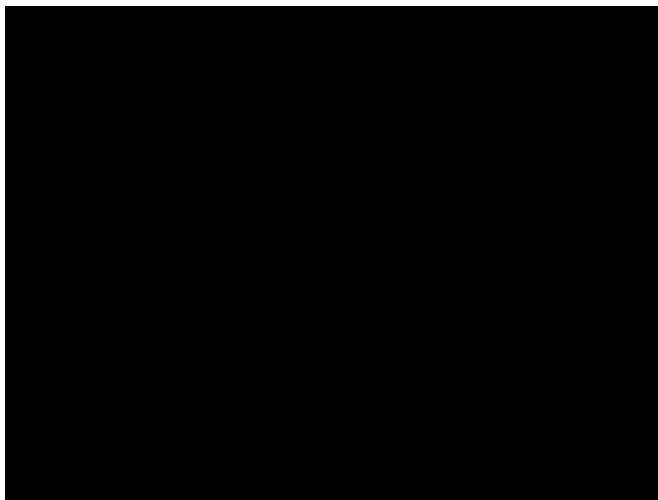
From the [Vision & Voices website](#):

Distinguished scholars, musicians and writers will come together for a day-long conference with discussions and performances that will explore Woody Guthrie's rise to fame in Depression-era Los Angeles. They will discuss Guthrie's itinerant wanderings through California and the far West, the Dust Bowl culture he drew upon in his songs of commentary and protest, and the backdrop of Los Angeles at the dawn of the Second World War. Conference schedule below.

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### Your Research Soundtrack

Research can be hard travelin'. Keep on the straight and narrow with this [Youtube playlist of 100 Guthrie songs](#).



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### Conference Schedule

- 8 a.m.: Coffee and pastries
- 9 a.m.: Welcome  
Bob Santelli, The GRAMMY Museum  
Chris Sampson, USC Thornton School of Music  
Ed Cray, USC Annenberg School for Communication & Journalism
- 9:30 to 10 a.m.: Keynote Address
- 10 a.m.: Musical Performance  
Students from the USC Thornton School of Music
- 10:15 to 11:45 a.m.: Woody Guthrie in Los Angeles: A Musical/Political

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#### Evolution

Ed Cray, Moderator  
Darryl Holter, The Shammis Group  
Ron Briley, Sandia School  
Pete La Chapelle, Nevada State College

11:45 a.m.: Musical Performance  
Students from the USC Thornton School of Music

12 to 1 p.m.: Lunch Break (on your own)

1 p.m.: Musical Performance  
Students from the USC Thornton School of Music

1:15 to 2:15 p.m.: L.A. and Woody Guthrie  
Darryl Holter, Moderator  
Radio and the Evangelical Crowd in 1930s L.A.—Philip Goff, Indiana University/Purdue University  
Sound and Fury: Talkie Technology and Labor Unrest in the L.A. Film Industry in the 1930s—Emily Thompson, Princeton University

2:15 to 3 p.m.: Woody's Influences across Space and Race  
Rambli'n' in Black and White: Race and Migration in the Works of Woody Guthrie—Dan Cady, Cal State Fresno, and Doug Flaming, Georgia Tech

3 to 4:30 p.m.: Beyond Woody  
Bill Deverell, USC, Moderator  
Woody Guthrie, Tom Joad and the Forging of an American Political Tradition—Bryant Simon, Temple University  
Guthrie, Steinbeck and the Popular Front—Rick Wartzman, Drucker Institute  
California Border Blues: Guthrie, L.A. and Tijuana—Josh Kun, USC

4:30 p.m.: Musical Performance  
Students from the USC Thornton School of Music

4:45 to 5:15 p.m.: Talking About Woody  
Bob Santelli Interview with Special Guest

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The following databases are a good place to begin your focused search for scholarly articles, newspaper and magazine articles, conference proceedings, and book chapters.

- [International Index to Music Periodicals \(IIMP\) Full Text](#) 


Covers the full spectrum of subjects and all aspects of music, including music education, performance, ethnomusicology, musical theatre, theory, popular music forms and composition.

- [International Index to the Performing Arts Full Text](#) 

IIPA covers nearly all aspects of the world of the performing arts, from the most scholarly studies to the latest crazes. Most IIPA records in the current coverage (1998 forward) contain an abstract.

- [Music Index Online](#) 

This database contains cover-to-cover indexing and abstracts of articles about music, musicians, and the music industry for more than 475 periodicals, as well as book reviews, obituaries, news, and selective coverage for more than 230 periodicals.

- [ProQuest Research Library](#) 

ProQuest Research Library is a multi-disciplinary index suitable for both undergraduates and graduate students. It covers dozens of subject areas and indexes thousands of general and scholarly titles and provides full-text for a significant number of the articles included. It is an excellent starting place for research for a paper, particularly if one isn't sure where to begin their research.

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### Recommended Articles

- [Blake, M. \(2010\). Woody Guthrie. Journalism History, 35\(4\), 184-193. Available from Proquest.](#)

"This study examines [Guthrie's contributions to the Communist press, especially his writings for the San Francisco-based People's World newspaper] mainly during 1939, when his commentary focused on the conditions and experiences of California's Dust Bowl migrants."

- [Himes, G. \(2007, September\). Dead 40 Years, Woody Guthrie Stays Busy. New York Times. Available from Gale Biography In Context.](#)

"Upon entering the Woody Guthrie Archives on West 57th Street in Manhattan, you're confronted by bronze busts of Guthrie, the midcentury folk legend; his son Arlo; his old bandmate Pete Seeger; his good friend Leadbelly; and his protege Bob Dylan..."

- [Nash, M. \(2003, February 9.\). Memories of Woody Guthrie. New York Times. Available from Gale Biography In Context.](#)

"He was case number 65935 at the state hospital at Greystone Park in Morris Plains. He had been found by the police, "wandering aimlessly on the highways," though exactly where in the state no one seems to remember..."

- [Rasmussen, C. \(1999, May 02\). L.A. then and now; Woody Guthrie left a special stamp on L.A. Los Angeles Times, pp. 3-3. Available from Proquest.](#)

"Hailed as "the Walt Whitman of song," Guthrie's legend was born with the protest songs he wrote to give voice to exploited workers and the disenfranchised poor who fled the Dust Bowl during the Great Depression..."

- [Shindo, C. J. \(1992\). Voices of the migrant: Democracy and culture in the dust bowl works of John Steinbeck, John Ford, and Woody Guthrie. \(The University of Rochester\). Available from ProQuest Dissertations and Theses.](#)

"This work examines representations of the migration of Southwesterners to California during the Great Depression by looking at the differences between expert representations of the Dust Bowl migration and migrants' own expressions of their experiences."

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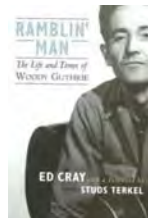
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### Recommended Books



**Voices of the down and out : the dust bowl migration and the great depression in the songs of Woody Guthrie - Butler, Martin**

Call Number: ML410.G978B985 2007  
ISBN: 9783825353674  
Publication Date: 2007



**Ramblin Man - Cray, Ed**

Call Number: ML419.G852C73 2004  
ISBN: 0393047598  
Publication Date: 2004-02-01



**A Race of Singers - Garman, Bryan K.**

Call Number: ML3477.G36 2000  
ISBN: 0807825581  
Publication Date: 2000-09-11



**Prophet Singer - Jackson, Mark Allan**

Call Number: ML410.G978J33 2007  
ISBN: 1578069157  
Publication Date: 2007-01-01



**Prophet singer : the voice and vision of Woody Guthrie - Jackson, Mark Allan**

Call Number: ML410.G978J33 2007eb  
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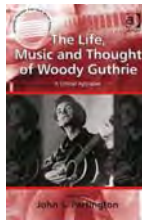
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**The Life Music and Thought of Woody Guthrie - Partington, John S.**

Call Number: ML410.G978P37 2010

ISBN: 9780754669555

Publication Date: 2011-04-01



**Woody Guthrie Art Works - Woody Guthrie (Illustrator); Nora Guthrie; Jeff Tweedy (Contribution by); Billy Bragg (Contribution by); Steven Brower**

Call Number: NC139.G88A4 2005

ISBN: 0847827380

Publication Date: 2005-10-25

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### From Wikipedia

"Woodrow Wilson 'Woody' Guthrie (July 14, 1912 – October 3, 1967) is best known as an American singer-songwriter and folk musician, whose musical legacy includes hundreds of political, traditional and children's songs, ballads and improvised works." [Read more...](#)

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### Resources Online

Some of the the best resources on the web for discovering more about Woody Guthrie...

- BBC Arena documentary on Woody Guthrie**  
 First transmitted in 1988, Arena presents a documentary program exploring the life of Woody Guthrie, the travelling American singer-songwriter who paved the way for the likes of Bob Dylan and Bruce Springsteen...
- Interview: Ed Cray discusses his new biography of Woody Guthrie, "Ramblin' Man" [Audio]**  
 "Woody Guthrie drew on untold personal tragedies and the national upheaval caused by the Great Depression to stand at the vanguard of a new brand of American folk music..."
- NPR Music's Woody Guthrie page**  
 Interviews, features and/or performances archived at NPR Music.
- Woody Guthrie and the Archive of American Folk Song: Correspondence, 1940-1950**  
 Highlights letters between Woody Guthrie and staff of the Archive of American Folk Song at the Library of Congress.
- Woody Guthrie Foundation and Archives**  
 Information about Woody Guthrie archives, lyrics, biography, educational materials, and events.
- Woody Guthrie's 100  
 Information about the centennial celebration of Woody Guthrie's birth. Lists international events and a "Song of the Day."
- Woody Guthrie's Fertile Month on the Columbia River [Audio]**  
 "In May 1941, folk singer Woody Guthrie spent one month working for the federal government. His job was to travel to the Pacific Northwest and write songs promoting huge hydroelectric dams on the Columbia River..."

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