

Mp3 Christopher Shaw & Bridget Ball - Songs From The Big Front Porch



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Chris and Bridget present a collection of the best known American folk songs played by some of the best known folk performers in the country. 12 MP3 Songs in this album (47:48) ! Related styles: FOLK: Traditional Folk, FOLK: String Band Details: Christopher Shaw Singer, Songwriter, Storyteller As a descendant of steamboat pilots, "pathfinders," and other rustic archetypes of the Adirondack region of New York State, Christopher Shaw is steeped in the lore of the American Northeast. Chris has done some steamboat piloting of his own, but it is in his professional role as a recording artist/performer that he carries forward the tradition of the great troubadour/storytellers who have enlivened parlors, taverns, and roadsides since America's colonial times. Chris has nine recordings to his credit including his 1988 debut, Adirondack, which has been entered into the Library of Congress Folk Archives. His tenth recording is in production now. Performers who have contributed to Chris' recordings include such acoustic innovators as Artie Traum, John Sebastian, Garth Hudson (The Band), Vassar Clements, Cindy Cashdollar (Asleep at the Wheel), Tony Trischka, Jay Ungar, Steve Riley, and more. Chris' latest solo effort, Adirondack Serenade, is a celebration of the musical styles and traditions of his native Adirondack Mountains. With the exception of two traditional songs, this is a collection of Shaw penned ballads that reflect Chris devotion to and affection for the people of the mountains. In classic self sufficient Adirondack style, Chris wrote, played, sang, and produced nearly every track on the recording. Chris fascination for Adirondack history inspired him to do extensive research into the French and Indian War era of the mid to late 1700s. His research revealed that Chris ancestors were among those who fought in the company of Robert Rogers, whose Rangers were the inspiration for today's Green Berets. Chris demonstration of the tools and techniques of the era have become a much sought after program in schools throughout New York

State. [\[Click here to find out more!\]](#) Chris has been featured on several public television documentaries, including Songs from the Heart of the Adirondacks, Christmas in the Adirondacks and Adirondack Storytellers, and most recently Chris Shaw: Live in Concert. He has been the spokesperson for the I Love NY Adirondack region television commercials. A recent performance at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC was simulcast over the Internet and is archived by the Kennedy Center. [\[Click here to see the performance!\]](#) Married since 1984 to singer/songwriter Bridget Ball Shaw, Chris currently lives just south of the Adirondack Park in rural Rensselaer County. Chris and Bridget have two children, Christopher Donald "Tinker" Shaw, born March 3, 1995 and Silas Henry Shaw, born March 6, 1998. Discography: Adirondack Serenade Twining Tree 0013-2/4 (2000) Back Porch Picking (instructional video) Twining Tree 9812-3 (1998) Songs from the Big Front Porch (with Bridget Ball) Twining Tree 9611-2/4 (1996) Mountain Snow MistleTWO (with Bridget Ball) Hudson River Co./Twining Tree 9410-2/4 (1994) Been to Town and Back Again Hudson River Co./Twining Tree 9409-2/4 (1994) Fireside: Adirondack Stories, Humor, and Downright Lies (spoken word) Hudson River Co. /Twining Tree 9308-4 (1993) Mountain Snow Mistletoe (with Bridget Ball) Hudson River Co./Twining Tree 9106-2/4 (1991) Born and Raised Hudson River Co./Twining Tree 9005-2/4 (1990) Adirondack Hudson River Co./Twining Tree 8802-2/4 (1988) Bridget Ball Singer/Songwriter "This heart won't ever give up This heart is made of steel." From "Heart of Steel" by Bridget Ball Strong words. Strong melodies. Strong performances. These are what have put Bridget Ball in front of audiences from the Smithsonian to concert halls and festivals, to radios in living rooms and dashboards across the country. Bridget was born and raised in central New York State, where the foothills of the Adirondacks melt into the rolling hills of New England and the Midwest begins to weave its love affair with the horizon. Her music was born and raised there too, in the tap rooms and taverns, hardware stores and kitchens of a people living and dying, laughing and loving in the crossroads of America. Bridget has eight recordings to her credit, each of which has enjoyed heavy airplay on radio stations nationwide that feature folk/acoustic music. Artists who have contributed to her recordings include such acoustic innovators as John Sebastian, Cindy Cashdollar (Asleep at the Wheel), Garth Hudson (The Band), Artie Traum, Jay Ungar, Tony Trischka, Steve Riley, and Bill Staines. Bridget also has been featured in several public television documentaries, including Songs from the Heart of the Adirondacks and Christmas in the Adirondacks. Her highly acclaimed Arts in Education program, "Sisters and Friends," is the subject of a PBS documentary, A Song for Sisters. In her

"other" life, Bridget works as a Financial Planning Specialist at a prestigious Wall Street investment firm where she helps her clients prepare for retirement, protect their savings and invest for the future. Bridget has been married since 1984 to singer/songwriter/storyteller Christopher Shaw. They currently live just south of the Adirondack Park in rural Rensselaer Country. Chris and Bridget have two children, Christopher Donald "Tinker" Shaw, born March 3, 1995 and Silas Henry Shaw, born March 6, 1998.

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