

Jack Murray



Singer/songwriter Jack Murray, from Sevierville, TN, (Dolly Parton's hometown as well...) now living in Barto, PA was a founding member of country-rock band Golden Rocket in the late 70s, which featured a unique mix of folk, blues, rock & roll and traditional country music. He's played in many other musical combinations including The Rockin' Eddies, while successfully writing for Nashville recording artists (Alabama, Ronnie Sessions, Peter Isaacson, among others) -providing his various country and rock bands with strong and often witty original material. As a charter member of Philadelphia's own pre-punk Black Flag and other bands in the mid 1970's, Jack performed in clubs all over the city, including the original Electric Factory.

After an extended hiatus, a recent burst of writing has unexpectedly launched him back into the world of music, having become a popular headlining act as a singer/songwriter at many venues in the Philadelphia area, including Bethlehem's legendary Godfrey Daniels and MusikFest, Landhaven in Huffs Church and others. He continues to be a popular opening act at the Sellersville Theater, having opened shows for Chris Smither, The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Jonathan Edwards, Commander Cody Band, Mike Farris and many others. Among other radio interviews and performances, he was a featured solo guest on Gene Shay's "The Folk Show" on Philadelphia's WXPB in 2008 -and again in 2009 as Jack Murray & The Midnight Creeps.

Jack has had the honor of being invited to perform in Nashville Writers In The Round concerts by some of Nashville's finest, including SKB's Craig Bickhardt, Nashville Songwriter Hall of Famer -Thom Schuyler, Poco's Jack Sundrud and Grammy winner, Don Henry.

When not performing solo or in smaller combinations with other players, Jack fronts The Midnight Creeps -a band ready, willing and very able to handle just about any kind of American music -from blues to folk to rock & roll to classic country music. And in fine style -often (flatteringly) compared to bands like NRBQ and Rockpile. The make-up of The Midnight Creeps is a constantly shifting line-up of some of the best players in this part of the world. The "charter" version of the "Creeps" featured guitar wonder Alan Landes, bassist Karl Frick (Los Mighty Manatees) and percussionist Ellen Houle (Tin Bird Choir). The current 2015 line-up features guitarist Alan Landes, bassist Nick Franclik (of BC and the Blues Crew and others) and percussionist Josh Kanusky (The David Bromberg Band and others) along with various others from time to time -on pedal steel, piano, Hammond B3 organ, fiddle, harmonica, etc..

He can be found co-hosting one of the longest running jams in the area: The World Famous Barto Jam with Nick Franclik every Wednesday night at The Other Farm Brewing Company in Boyertown, PA. It's been going on for over 15 years and has featured a Who's Who of great local players, along with some amazing nationally known drop-ins -including Barrie Maguire of the Wallflowers, the late, great Ann Rabson (Saffire) and Nashville songwriting legend David Olney and others.

Jack's debut CD "Then There's That..." was released in early 2008, featuring his unique guitar and vocal stylings and powerful original songs. A new CD is now in the works and is expected to be released this summer.



A: World Cafe Live ~ with Bob Beach and David Jacobs-Strain. **B:** Chaplin's ~with The Midnight Creeps: Ellen Houle, (guest) Ted The Fiddler, Alan Landes, Karl Frick. **C:** DougFest ~with (guests) Chip Desnoyers & Professor Louie, 'Creeps' Josh Kanusky, (not shown) Alan & Nick Franclik. **D:** WXPB studio broadcast ~with Alan, (host) Gene Shay & Karl. **E:** Sellersville Theater ~with Alan & Karl. **F:** Godfrey Daniels ~with Alan & Karl.

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