

## Pete Seeger tribute concert May 21

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Spook Handy performing with Pete Seeger in Beacon, N.Y., in 2006.

7:30 tonight, Hackensack

### PETE, AND RE-PETE

Pete Seeger is gone, but not forgotten. Maybe not even all that gone – what with busy bards like Spook Handy, Geoffrey Kaufman and Cynthia Summers keeping his spirit alive. You can see all three at a free tribute concert at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

**TELL ME MORE:** Pete Seeger died in January 2014 at age 94 – but happily, he was the kind of artist who inspires other artists. In fact, Seeger is pretty much the template for all of the activist singers who followed, from Bob Dylan to Bruce Springsteen. While we can no longer see the iconic folk singer of the Fifties and Sixties strum his banjo and sing "Turn! Turn! Turn!" or "Where Have All the Flowers Gone," we can enjoy his many spiritual children, including the three disciples appearing tonight at Fairleigh Dickinson's Metropolitan Campus in "Well May the World Go: A Tribute Concert for Pete Seeger." Spook Handy, Geoffrey Kaufman and Glen Rock's Cynthia Summers are all from the metro area, and all three had musical and, in some cases, personal connections with the master. Kaufman frequently performed on the sloop Clearwater – Seeger's pride and joy – and Handy counted himself a personal friend.

**QUOTE:** "What attracts me to the music of Pete Seeger, or Peter, Paul and Mary is ... they were facing the same kind of issues we're facing. The early Fifties were the McCarthy era, the same kind of infringement of civil liberties, and these people were saying, 'Guess what, we do have liberties, we're protected by the Constitution, let's do something.'" – Spook Handy

**DETAILS:** Wilson Auditorium, Dickinson Hall, Fairleigh Dickinson University Metropolitan Campus, 140 University Plaza Drive, Hackensack. Presented by North Jersey Public Policy Network. Free admission. R.S.V.P. to [njppn.org](http://njppn.org).

– Jim Beckerman