

Bill & Eli Perras

Unitarian Universalist

"Song & Story" Presenters



Bill & Eli have shared their "Song and Story" messages with many Unitarian Universalist congregations over the past several years, and they currently have developed 9 separate, 25-30 minute long presentations, each of them being a theme based presentation that fits within the guidelines of the seven UU Principles. These presentations are perfect sharing with lay led congregations, or to fill an open pulpit due to ministerial vacations.

Deeply steeped in the folk music tradition, they present sing-alongs (usually their original compositions), after telling the stories that relate to the song, which creates a powerful, and uplifting experience and message, and they are always more than happy to lead all of the music during a service with songs relating to the theme of the service.

Since music has a unique way of reaching out to people, and since Bill & Eli have a sizable, and always growing fan-base, a fringe benefit is to having them lead a service is that typical attendance at well-publicized services is often 20-30% higher than average.

Besides sharing their Songs & Stories at Sunday services, Bill & Eli are always open to perform 2-hour benefit concerts on the Saturday night prior, or on the Sunday afternoon after a service, or share their messages in a weekday workshop format.

Bill & Eli's current themed messages:

- 1) "Rising Up Through Adversity" ~ 2) "Singing for Change"
- 3) "Our Planet, Our Habitat" ~ 4) "Empowering Yourself"
- 5) "Black History Month" ~ 6) "Why We Remember"
- 7) "The Power of Song" ~ 8) "Mothers Day/Flower Communion"
- 9) "Peace & Justice – Metaphysically Speaking (& Singing)"

And, they are always willing to create new, and custom Song & Story presentations on demand.

More about these presentations can be found at:
www.perrasmusic.com/spiritual_gatherings

Video references: www.perrasmusic.com/video

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Bill & Eli's Short Biography

The many inspired lyrics given to and interpreted by Eli, combined with Bill's bluesy finger-style guitar playing create a very uniquely modern take on true Americana music in its purest form. Receiving much recognition for their tightly woven musical creativity, they humbly remain true to their personal values. They speak out with strong heartfelt lyrics, accompanied with a soulful genuine pentatonic voicing, against social injustices, corporate greed, and daily follies in everyday life. They can grip your heart, search your soul, change a mindset, or softly strike a funny bone, all the while leaving the audience with a sentiment for the common good we desire in all mankind.

Bill & Eli have opened or shared the stage with many nationally recognized entertainers and are regulars at many Florida folk music venues and festivals while frequently traveling beyond the Sunshine State with their songs and stories.

Bill & Eli's Reference UU Venues

2018 Southeast UU Summer Institute (SUUSI), Cullowhee, NC
Buckman Bridge UU - Jacksonville, FL
Emerald Coast UU – Valparaiso, FL
First Existentialists Congregation in Atlanta, GA
Hope UU Church – Tulsa, OK
Manatee UU Fellowship in Bradenton, FL
Mosaic UU - Orange City, FL
Natures Coast UU - Citrus Springs, FL
UU of Bay County in Panama City, FL
UU of Brevard in W. Melbourne, FL
UU of Daytona Beach Area in Ormond Beach, FL
UU of Ft. Lauderdale, FL
UU of Galveston County, TX
UU of Greensboro, NC
UU of Hendersonville, NC
UU Church of Marlborough and Hudson, MA
UU of Jacksonville, FL
UU of Lakeland, FL
UU of Lake County in Eustis, FL
UU of Lexington, KY
UU of Marion County in Summerfield, FL
UU of Northborough, MA
UU of Putnam County in Palatka, FL
UU of St. Augustine, FL
UU of Tullahoma - Tullahoma, TN
UU of West Volusia - DeLand, FL
UU Peace Fellowship - Raleigh, NC



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