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Bucky Halker

Rebel Voices: Songs of Joe Hill, Woody Guthrie, Bob Dylan, & Bruce Springsteen

DATE: Tuesday, November 3, 2015

TIME: 11:00 am. – 12:00 pm.

PLACE: Tarvin/Crisp Conference Rooms



Bucky Halker is a veteran Chicago songwriter, scholar, and performer with fifteen albums and a host of honors and awards to his credit. In 2012 he released *The Ghost of Woody Guthrie*, an original music tribute to folksong legend Woody Guthrie that fused elements of folk, blues, honky-tonk country, rock, and jazz and on *Welcome to Labor Land* (2007) Halker offered eclectic renditions of historic labor protest songs from Illinois. Bucky, a Ph.D. in labor history, is also the author of *For Democracy, Workers, and God: Labor Song-Poems and Labor Protest, 1865-1895* (University of Illinois Press) and the producer-scholar for the five volume *Folksongs of Illinois* CD series. In the summer of this year, he completed a tribute CD to martyred labor songwriter Joe Hill (1879-1915) entitled *Anywhere but Utah*. He received the prestigious Archie Green Fellowship from the Library of Congress - American Folk Life Center in 2011 and currently serves on the board of directors for the Woody Guthrie Foundation and the Illinois Labor History Society.

Rick Kogan recently referred to Bucky as a "missionary, spreading the words and redefining folk music in new and vital and exciting ways." *Chicago Tribune* (March 23, 2014)