

# VIP SEEN

## TRI - CITIES

### MARK LARKINS: Singer, Songwriter, Musician & Artist

Mark is based in the Tri-Cities, where he performs a “summer-spirited” style of music that encourages the audience to reflect on the fun times in their lives, while being versatile enough to offer a large variety of cover songs and styles. Mark is a vocalist with a “rangy” and soul-stirring ability that captivates the listeners. He further demonstrates his virtuosity on lead guitar, and also plays the steel pan and ukulele on stage.

Born in Tennessee, Mark also spent a portion of his childhood growing up in West Covina, California, where his love for the ocean and summer music was first instilled. His family moved back to the Tri-Cities when he was approximately 10 years old. From then on it was all about crafting his talents to his love of music with a goal of performing original songs, and sharing his style of music to the listening audience, as well as their favorite cover songs.

#### Awards and Recognition:

**2001 North America Country Music Association Int’l (NACMAI) Tennessee**

**Category: New Country (Adult)**

**Horizon Award for Male Vocalist of the Year**

**Male Entertainer of the Year**

**Instrumentalist of the Year**

#### The Path Forward

Soon after winning the NACMAI awards in 2001, beach/Caribbean style music which has taken him to some exciting and exotic places such as Key West, North Miami Beach, Marathon, and Myrtle Beach to name a few. He enjoys performing at home in the Tri-Cities as well, at various restaurants, country clubs, marina venues, and private parties.

#### Mark’s Philosophy

I strive towards bringing a more authentic sound to my performance for the listeners. That is the reason for bringing the steel pan and ukulele to my show. The fans that follow my show are the reason behind the music, and I strive to please the listeners, as they are what it’s all about. I try to keep an open eye and ear to their requests and their responses. I am looking forward to a busy upcoming schedule for 2012 and am eager to bring new material to the performance.

### Music Profile:



#### Discography

Mark’s first CD released in 2000 titled: “All or Not at All” was a breakthrough for him as a singer/songwriter, as he wrote all the selections. Mark’s second CD released in Spring 2009 titled: “Feet in the Sand,” features seven original songs reflecting a passion for the beach. The CD features nylon string and electric guitar, steel pan, and ukulele.

#### Song Titles

“Flip Flops and Bare Feet,” “Can’t Get There From Here,” “Rather Be at the Beach,” “Your Love Won’t Set Me Free,” “Feet in the Sand,” “A Girl So Far From Here,” and “Why Not Today.” Song samples can be heard on the website [www.marklarkins.com](http://www.marklarkins.com). Mark is a current member of ASCAP.

#### The Road Ahead

I enjoy spending quality time with my two beautiful and talented daughters. I am currently devoting much of my time to performing at various venues, while adding the steel pan and ukulele to my on-stage performance. And working on some ideas for new original songs for the future.

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#### Charity Events

Mark has performed for charity events in the Tri-Cities such as The Salvation Army in Bristol, Tenn. in 2008, and the American Cancer Society “Relay for Life” event in June of 2009, and the Greyhound Rescue of Tennessee at their featured event, “Beach Bound Hounds 2004” in Myrtle Beach, SC.

#### Artistic Abilities

Mark has a deep interest in art, and had the opportunity in 2004 to paint a full-color mural vista of an island evening sunset, at a residence in Bristol, Tenn., and a full-color mural in 2006 of an underwater marine life scene.

#### The Sound of Summer All Year Long

You never know where the music will take you next. As a “solo musician entertainer” onstage, I enjoy performing a “summer style” of music, as it comes from my heart. I do my best to relay these feelings and emotions to others through these songs, so they might enjoy the sound of summer... no matter what the season is.

Please visit the website for Scheduled Performance dates and other information at [www.marklarkins.com](http://www.marklarkins.com). Aside from his music career, Mark is also employed at a full-time job during the day, utilizing his CAD/ Drafting Skills and design experience.



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