

Kirby Martzall - Guitars and Vocals

Kirby had a paper route on Main Street and adjoining streets in Ephrata, PA. By age 12, saved up the money to rent an acoustic guitar - a Stella from Beam's Music and began learning to play with the guidance of Herbert Beam - truly a patient man and skilled player in his own right. At age 14, started playing with others and in bands in 1966. Over the years - played with plenty of fine players with *Susquehanna River Band*, *Woolly Bear*, *Elisha Grant & Common Ground*, *Stu Huggens Band*, *PP&L*, *Rain*, and *The Tykes*, and as a session musician from the mid 60's through this year-covered a lot of interesting ground in 5 decades locally and regionally. Venues and situations ranged from concert halls and outdoor amphitheaters to flatbed stages at county fairs, to performance clubs, to small theaters, to your friendly local tavern and biker bars (with and without chicken wire for protection from flying projectiles), and all points in between. However, Kirby notes "I never gave up my day job!" Musical influences include "any musician who plays well with others along with a few who just got by". He continues to learn every day. Over the years he has had the pleasure of sharing the stage with a wide range of artists. To note a few: *Roy Buchanan*, *New Riders of the Purple Sage*, *Vanilla Fudge*, *Cactus*, *John Hartford*, *Vassar Clements*, *Richie Havens*, *Gordon Lightfoot*, *John Prine*, *Nitty Gritty Dirt Band*, and a bunch of others.

