

Steve Kaufman **Three-Time National Champ** **A Teacher's Teacher**

Steve Kaufman was born into a musical family in 1957. His father was a jazz piano player and his mother was a classically trained pianist. Music was always around. At four Steve started plinking at the piano and did so for several years. He then moved on to the electric guitar at 10 for a few years and put it away. Next came the cello in 5th grade for a few years. After this Steve picked up the acoustic guitar again and blazed right through a "Folk Guitar" method book. When finished he thought if this is as hard as it gets it's not for him. Then his younger brother, Will, started playing the banjo and his instructor told him he needed a rhythm guitar player to help with his timing. So Steve then picked up his guitar again and got into the bluegrass rhythm. One day Will brought home a Flatt and Scruggs LP, which featured Doc Watson on guitar, and Steve was hooked on flatpicking.

Steve practiced hard with his newfound love of music, sometimes up to 8 hours a day. At age 18 he entered the National Flatpicking Championships in Winfield, KS and made the top 10. The following year was a wash. In 1977, Steve took 2nd place to Mark O'Conner and in 1978, at 21 years old, he returned to win the championship. Then after being barred for 5 years he returned on the 6th year to win the 1984 championships again. Winfield bars the winner for 5 years and they can come back on the 6th year but in 1986 they decided to open up the contest to everyone and not bar the past years champs. Steve returned to win his goal. He became the winner and the first and, at this writing, the only Three Time Winner of the National Flatpicking Championships.

Steve continues to work hard in the world of music. He began producing books and videos in 1989 after teaching private lessons for close to 20 years. His catalog of instructional materials is now over 85 items. His listening CDs and Videos number over 17. Steve began touring the world conducting seminars, workshops, clinics and concerts in 1990 and after 5 years he and his wife, Donna, began "Steve Kaufman's Flatpicking Camp". Every other year they have added more camps into their agenda and now under the title "Steve Kaufman's Acoustic Kamps" they host a Fingerpicking Kamp, Old Time Banjo, Bluegrass Banjo and Mandolin Kamp as well. They have grown into the largest Kamps of their kind in the world with students traveling from around the world to Maryville, Tennessee. Since 2002, Steve Kaufman received the Gold Award from a reader's poll in Acoustic Guitar Magazine for running the "Best Workshops, Seminars and Camps".

Steve stays busy being a husband and father, running his Kamps, tour schedule, writing books and recording videos and CDs as well as owning and operating The Palace Theater in downtown Maryville see www.palacetheater.com. The areas premier acoustic venue as well as an espresso bar.

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Steve Kaufman's **Three Hour,** **All-Level, Hands On,** **Flatpicking Guitar and** **Mandolin Workshop** **and Concert**



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Sept. 10: Concert (Donation Welcome)
Sept. 11: Mandolin Workshop
Sept. 11: Guitar Workshop

**Steve Kaufman's All-Level Flatpicking & Mandolin Workshop
Sept. 11: Mandolin Workshop Sept. 11: Flatpicking Workshop**



Steve Kaufman, the only three time winner of the prestigious National Flatpicking Championships, will offer a 3-Hour, Hands-On, All-Level Mandolin and Flatpicking Guitar Workshop.

**September 10: Steve in Concert free to the public, (donations welcome), at Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte, NC
Workshops to be held at Myers Park Baptist Church, 1900 Queens Rd., Charlotte, NC**

**September 11: Morning Mandolin Beg./Int. workshop 10am-1pm
September 11: Afternoon Flatpicking workshop 2:30pm-5:30pm**

Enrollment for the workshops is limited.

This year's slots are going fast, so make your reservations now.

September 11: The morning Mandolin workshop will be from 10am-1pm. Steve will go over Back-up skills, right and left hand technique, new songs, chords and more.

The Flatpicking workshop is from 2:30pm - 5:30pm and is for all level players. Steve will cover core picking skills and techniques, repertoire and building blocks for growth. A must workshop for All Levels of pickers.

Bluegrass Unlimited has said, "As a professional guitar teacher, Kaufman has perfected his teaching skills as much as his picking technique."

The fee for the Mandolin workshop is \$45 per person.

The fee for the Flatpicking workshop is \$45 per person.

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No Video Recording of the workshop allowed.

Kaufman's music covers a broad range of styles, including bluegrass, swing, Irish and Appalachian fiddle tunes and folk and country classics. He has been captivating audiences from California to Austria since 1976 and is a feature performer at many major bluegrass festivals.

In addition to his performing and teaching schedule, Kaufman is the author of more than 100 instructional materials and has released 18 recordings to date.

For more information or to register for the workshop contact:

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**Download Free Tab and Music Paper for the Workshop at
www.flatpik.com and follow the Downloads link**

REGISTRATION

Enter student's name

Age

Name:

Years played

Address:

email

Phone:

To guarantee your spot, payments
must be made by **Sept. 11.**

However, if empty seats are still
available, students may register up
to the day of the workshop.

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