



Loren Barrigar:

Loren started playing guitar when he was only four years old, and by the time he was six, he played the Chet Atkins hit “Yackety Axe” in front of thousands of country music fans at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. He went on to study with Jimmy Atkins, Chet’s brother, which led to a touring career with his family band from Nashville to Las Vegas.

Since settling in Central New York, he has been in constant demand as a studio musician. His finely-honed songwriting skills have launched his melodies on NBC’s hit show “ER”, The Young and the Restless, and on a Christmas CD with BB King and Patti Labelle. He has performed with some of the best acoustic players in the world including Steven Bennett, Richard Smith, John Knowles, Muriel Anderson, and Loren’s friend and mentor Tommy Emmanuel, the Australian guitar sensation. He has also recorded with Multiple Grammy winner and legendary producer Lloyd Maines.

For the last few years, Loren has been working on finger style guitar. His 2008 album “Dance with Me” is a result of that work, and it received a Syracuse Area Music Award for Best Country Album of 2009, and his 2009 CD "Chillaxin" is hugely popular. His solo concerts include favorite songs from 7 decades as well as his own original songs, all featuring exciting guitar work and memorable vocal stylings.

Recently Loren has been playing with Mark Mazengarb, and they have toured extensively in both the USA and in Europe. They recorded their first album together the summer of 2011 which won a SAMMY (Syracuse Area Music Awards) for Best Album at the Northeast Music Industry Conference, and their second album Onward also won a SAMMY. The title track 'Onward' won first place at the International Acoustic Music Awards (IAMA) for Best Instrumental. Their most recent album One to One was recorded by Randy Kohrs in Nashville in 2015.