



Patrick A. Flory

Country Musician

Mr. Flory was born in 1948, in New Iberia, Louisiana working as or being an architect and is presently a resident of Metairie, Louisiana. He works as an architect and his pastime or working hobby is music. Patrick learned to play music from listening to radio, old traditional country musicians, and his great uncle John Holloway, who was an important early Mississippi fiddler.

Patrick's real fascination with music began when he was listening to country music stars such as Hank Snow, Red Foley, and Hank Williams on the radio and on records that his brother brought home. Around the same time, he purchased the first of many guitars he owned. While in high school, he learned to play the guitar and most country music. Mr. Flory plays the banjo, mandolin, fiddle, and dobro. He plays mostly with the "Evening Star String Band", but he also plays solo.

Mr. Flory's first stage performance was in 1966 on a live radio show with regional country music bands, which was also his first time to hear bluegrass. Over the years, Mr. Flory has played music with a number of bands. He calls the music he plays today, "southern music." Patrick says, "if I have to single out anything to mention with special pride, it is the Piney Woods Opry Live Radio show, which I co-founded with several other people in 1992, in Abita Springs, Louisiana to promote old fashioned country music."

Patrick has toured and played individual shows in California, New York, Texas, and New Mexico. He has also performed at the Piney Woods Opry, the New Orleans Jazz Festival, and at monthly coffeehouse shows.