

# BARRY CLOYD



*Singer, Songwriter, Storyteller and Historian*  
**PERFORMANCES:**

Whether it is the catchy rhythms of sing-a-long songs for younger children or the complex relationships between folksongs and historical movements for adults, there is something here for everyone.

**Carl Sandburg: Poet of the People** – Weaving Sandburg’s poetry, stories of Lincoln and American folksongs with literary and personal tales.

**The American Songbag: A Tour of American History through Folk Music** – From colonial times to the present, this medley of song and story can present an overview of history or focus on any single period.

**Ben Franklin: The Kite, The Key and Other Tales** - Humanizing Ben Franklin, the “First American”, Barry brings to life his amazing story and indomitable spirit through the persona of his only surviving son, William.

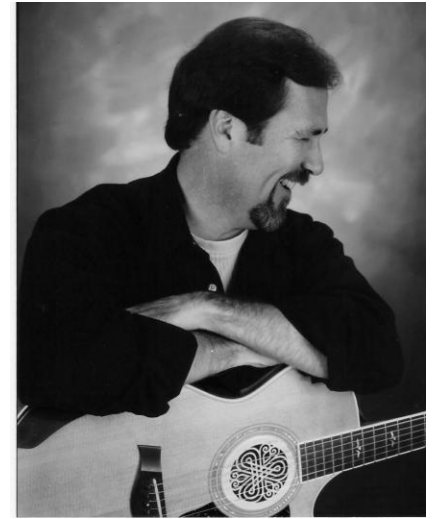
**Connections: Linking Medieval Inventions with our Modern World** - Learn how the discoveries and inventions of the Middle Ages have made a major impact on our lives. You’ll never look at history the same way.

**A Brief History of the Blues** - Join Barry as he traces the route of the blues, in story and song, from Africa to New Orleans and up the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers to Chicago and the world beyond.

**An Irish Immigrant’s Song** - In story and song, Barry gives you the history and the heart of the people who came to America from the Celtic Isles.

**The French Voyageurs** - Journey down the river with the first European explorers, LaSalle, Marquette and Joliet, as they attempt to create a fur trade empire in the rugged wilderness of the pre-American Midwest.

**Life of a Performing Artist** - Barry gives you his personal take on his life as a performing artist and the passion needed to succeed.



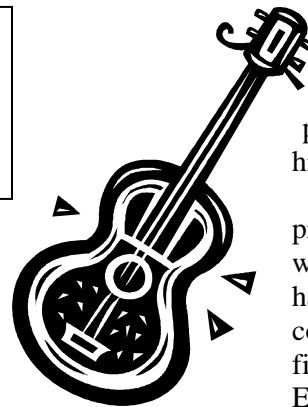
*Barry Cloyd*  
*Singer/Songwriter*

A full-time touring artist, singer-songwriter, he has spent a lifetime creating a style that weaves the genres of Blues, Folk, Celtic and Roots music into a unique blend. Performing more than 200 shows per year, Barry, a strong vocalist as well as a storyteller, theatrical performer and historian, delivers his music on a multitude of guitars (6 & 12 string, Dobro, high-strung, archtop jazz, electric,) and other stringed instruments, such as banjo, mandolin, requinto and bouzouki. He provides a wide range of literacy focused, curriculum based classroom programs that bring music and history together.

Barry has co-written and produced 20 original musicals, written more than 300 songs, and has appeared in 250 TV commercials and 70 industrial films. He has toured Ireland, England and Wales and much of the U.S. Barry is also a co-founder of Prairie Folklore Theatre, a touring theatre company which produces original musical theatre based on American history.

“Barry’s presentation clearly motivated students to look at history from a different perspective while reinforcing the core curriculum and standards.”

**Diane Gilman, Teacher, Washington Gifted School**



## WORKSHOPS

Barry is also available for workshops on songwriting, creative writing, vocal and guitar performance skills.

## COMPACT DISCS

Barry Cloyd has produced eight CDs, including: **The Wind and the Water**, all original tunes; **After the Storm**, Celtic/Americana; **Yuletide Fire**, an acoustic Christmas; and **The Rainmaker’s Garden**, more original music. With Prairie Folklore Theatre he has produced **Prairie Fire!**, **Prairie Christmas**, **River Ghosts**, and **Civil War Ghosts and Legends**, celebrating history through story and song!

“We love having Barry come to visit us. He is so passionate about what he does and it shows through in his amazing musicianship. I can’t find a better show than Barry’s. What a joy!” **Travis Lopez, Programs Specialist, Quad City Arts, Rock Island, Illinois**

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