

darryl purpose

Singer-songwriter Darryl Purpose has worn many hats throughout his life: peace activist, professional blackjack payer and of course, musician. From 1996 to 2004 he worked the folk circuit becoming well known for his narrative songwriting and impressive fingerstyle guitar—playing 150 shows a year, releasing six critically acclaimed CDs and one DVD. Though Purpose was thrilled to find himself on stage with the likes of Santana, Ellis Paul, James Taylor, David Carter and Tracy Grammar, Bonnie Rait and Pete Seeger, his wandering soul seemed to have distracted him.

Seven years ago he put down his guitar and took up residence in Nederland, Colorado in the shadow of the Rocky Mountains. Purpose is back to songwriting and performing. During this time Purpose climbed some mountains, got healthy in mind and spirit, and made a name for himself, again, in the international gambling world. He celebrated his return in December 2011 on tour with Christine Lavin and a triumphant comeback show in his new hometown of Nederland.

discography

Right Side of Zero (1996)
Same River Twice (1997)
Travelers' Code (1999)
A Crooked Line (2001)
The Gift of the Magi (and other seasonal stories) (2002)
Live at Coalesce (2005)
New album in the works. Expected to be release spring 2012

Some of the venues Darryl has played:

The Birchmere, Alexandria, VA
Bluebird Cafe – Nashville TN
Circle of Friends Coffeehouse – Franklin MA
Club Passim, Cambridge MA
Freight and Salvage Coffeehouse – Berkeley CA
Harris Creek Acoustic – Hampton, VA
The Kennedy Center -Washington, DC
Kerrville Folk Festival – Kerrville TX
Live Oak Music Festival – Santa Barbara CA
McCabes – Santa Monica CA
Rose Garden Coffeehouse – Mansfield MA
South Florida Folk Festival – Ft Lauderdale FL
Studio E – Sebastopol, CA
The Turning Point – Piermont NY
Uncle Calvin's – Dallas TX



“Purpose has the voice of James Taylor, the brains of Bob Dylan, and the soul of Willie Nelson.”

–Attache, US Airlines in-flight magazine

“A Crooked Line’ reveals Darryl Purpose as one of the truly under-recognized singer-songwriters on the contemporary scene.”

– Rich Warren, *Sing Out*

“America’s most original narrative songwriter since Harry Chapin”

– *Q Magazine*

“Darryl Purpose’s music hits all the vital areas: the heart, the mind and the gut... Purpose delivers these tales in language that is precise and unflinching, with a voice that rings true from experience. These songs never let go.”

– *New Orleans Gambit Weekly*