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## INFO:

- The September release of "Woody Guthrie The Tribute Concerts Carnegie Hall 1968 Hollywood Bowl 1970" commemorates the 50th anniversary of the date when Woody Guthrie's wife Marjorie Mazia founded the Committee to Combat Huntington's Disease/CCHD on September 18, 1967 now renamed Huntington's Disease Society of America/HDSA. Woody Guthrie passed away on October 6, 1967 after a stubborn fifteen year bout with the disease. On October 3, 2017 Marjorie Mazia Guthrie would have turned 100. In addition to commemorating 50 years since Woody Guthrie passed away, with this release we also celebrate 50 years of Marjorie's groundbreaking work giving help and hope to HD families around the world.
- Two "Tribute to Woody Guthrie" concerts were planned after Woody Guthrie's death: at New York City's Carnegie Hall on January 20th, 1968, and at the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles on September 12,
- Appearing at the January concert were Judy Collins, Bob Dylan with the members of The Band, Jack Elliott, Arlo Guthrie, Richie Havens, Odetta, Tom Paxton, Pete Seeger.
- Appearing in Los Angeles were Joan Baez, Jack Elliott, Arlo Guthrie, Odetta, Country Joe McDonald, Richie Havens, Earl Robinson and Pete Seeger. The house band included members of Swampwater and Ry Cooder
- Originally released on two LPs

## In addition, the fabulous 2017 set on Bear Family contains:

- Twenty never before released tracks of the two shows at Carnegie Hall and at the Hollywood Bowl!
- Bonus tracks include interviews with Judy Collins, Jack Elliott, Arlo Guthrie, Country Joe McDonald, Phil Ochs, Tom Paxton, and Pete Seeger
- Rare photos and never before seen stills from the Hollywood Bowl show film masters
- Essays by Will Kaufman, Wenzel, and Sean Wilentz
- Reproduction of the original 1972 TRO Concert Book includes historic and concert photos with music notations and lyrics.

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When Woody Guthrie died on October 3, 1967, after a stubborn fifteen year bout with Huntington's Disease, a lot of people who had known him, worked with him, or just sung his songs felt a spontaneous desire to do something.

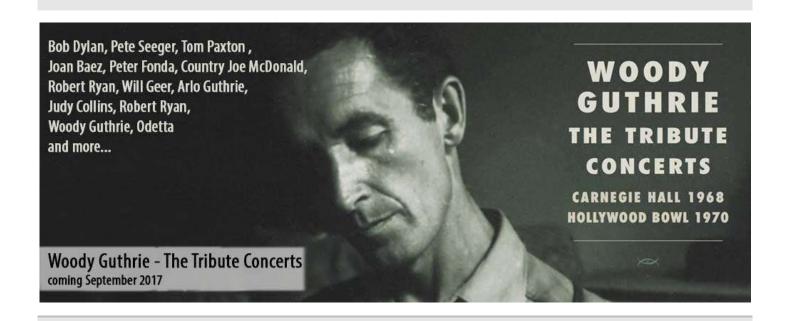
A "Tribute to Woody Guthrie" was planned for two performances at Carnegie Hall on January 20th, 1968. The list of artists joined Woody's own friends and peers with the next generation of songwriters and musicians just coming into their own. Appearing at the January concert were Judy Collins, Bob Dylan (in the first public appearance after his motorcycle accident in 1966 with members of The Band), Jack Elliott, Arlo Guthrie, Richie Havens, Odetta, Tom Paxton, Pete Seeger. Actors Will Geer and Robert Ryan narrated the program. Both performances were sold out an hour after tickets went on sale. Those fortunate enough to attend participated in one of the most exciting and remarkable musical experiences of all time.

Two years later, eighteen thousand people attended the west coast Tribute which took place on September 12, 1970, at the Hollywood Bowl. Joan Baez, Jack Elliott, Arlo Guthrie, Odetta, Country Joe McDonald, Richie Havens, Earl Robinson and Pete Seeger performed. Peter Fonda joined Will Geer in narrating. The house band included members of Swampwater and Ry Cooder.

To honor Woody's unique position as an artist, for the first time ever, two albums were issued in 1972 shared between Columbia Records and Warner Brothers Records, collating and editing tracks from both concerts. Now, exactly fifty years after Woody's death, we invite you to hear what took place on those two iconic evenings as we present the Carnegie Hall and Hollywood Bowl concerts in their original, scripted, concert order including twenty tracks which were never included on the original LPs and are here released for the first time. Among them Joan Baez (Plane Wreck At Los Gatos – Deportee), Jack Elliott (Hard Travelin'), Arlo Guthrie (I Ain't Got No Home), Richie Havens (Blues For Woody), Country Joe McDonald (Pretty Boy Floyd), Odetta (John Hardy), Tom Paxton (Pretty Boy Floyd), Earl Robinson (Roll On Columbia), Pete Seeger (The Sinking Of The Reuben James).

Producers Nora Guthrie, Michael Kleff and Steve Rosenthal dug deep into the story behind the concerts – working with the original reel to reel concert tapes and concert scripts, business letters, and personal stories – they recreate and recount how, when and why these early tribute concerts are still important and reveal how they had such an impact on those who attended.

"To listen to the recordings now is to reflect upon events from an earlier and simpler time, which were communing with a still earlier and even simpler time. But simplicity is not the same thing as innocence. Although times have changed, in many ways for the better, not so the good and evil, bravery and cowardice, generosity and injustice that Woody and his friends and followers sang about. What is so striking in these recordings, above and beyond the politics and musical styles, is the timelessness of what Woody was getting at in his deceptively simple art." Historian and author Sean Wilentz from his introduction "So Long To Woody Guthrie"



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#### TRACK LISTING:

#### CD 1: At Carnegie Hall

Pete Seeger & Arlo Guthrie with Full Cast: This Train Is Bound For Glory - Robert Ryan: This machine kills fascists (Narration) - Will Geer: His name was Woodrow Wilson Guthrie (Narration) - Arlo Guthrie: Oklahoma Hills - Will Geer: Woody made up a thousand songs (Narration) - Judy Collins: So Long, It's Been Good To Know Yuh (Dusty Old Dust) - Robert Ryan: The voice of the people (Narration) -Woody Guthrie: Riding In My Car - Will Geer: My mother's name was Nora Belle Tanner (Narration) - Pete Seeger: Curly Headed Baby - Robert Ryan: Okemah, Oklahoma (Narration) - Odetta: Ramblin' Round - Will Geer: Earplayers (Narration) - Pete Seeger, Judy Collins & Arlo Guthrie: Goin' Down The Road (I Ain't Gonna Be Treated This A-Way) - Robert Ryan: My mother was an earplayer ... Pretty Boy Floyd (Narration) - Tom Paxton: Pretty Boy Floyd - Will Geer: I don't want it to sound smooth (Narration) - Richie Havens: Blues For Woody - Will Geer: There's a whole big army of us (Narration) - Judy Collins: Plane Wreck At Los Gatos (Deportee) - Richie Havens: Vigilante Man - Tom Paxton: Pastures Of Plenty - Bob Dylan: Grand Coulee Dam - Bob Dylan: Dear Mrs. Roosevelt - Bob Dylan: I Ain't Got No Home - Judy Collins: Roll On Columbia (part 1) - Robert Ryan: The Pacific Northwest (Narration) - Judy Collins: Roll On Columbia (part 2) - Pete Seeger & Richie Havens: Jackhammer John - Tom Paxton: Biggest Thing That Man Has Ever Done (The Great Historical Bum) - Judy Collins & Pete Seeger: Union Maid - Robert Ryan/Will Geer/Judy Collins: I don't know what this stuff called time is made out of (Narration) - Odetta, Will Geer, Arlo Guthrie with Full Cast: This Land Is Your Land

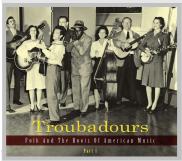
#### CD 2: At The Hollywood Bowl, Part 1

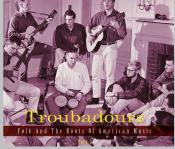
Full Cast: Intro This Train Is Bound For Glory -Peter Fonda & Will Geer: His name was Woodrow Wilson Guthrie (Narration) - Arlo Guthrie: Oklahoma Hills - Will Geer: Woody made up a thousand songs (Narration) - Joan Baez & Pete Seeger: So Long, It's Been To Know Yuh - Peter Fonda: This train (Narration) - Country Joe McDonald, Arlo Guthrie, Jack Elliott & Pete Seeger: Goin' Down The Road (Ain't Gonna Be Treated This A-Way) - Peter Fonda & Will Geer: My mother's name was Nora Belle Tanner (Narration) - Joan Baez: Hobo's Lullaby - Peter Fonda: Okemah, Oklahoma (Narration) - Odetta: Ramblin' Round - Will Geer: Earplayers (Narration) -Pete Seeger & Arlo Guthrie: I Ain't Got No Home - Peter Fonda: My mother was an earplayer ... Pretty Boy Floyd (Narration) - Country Joe McDonald: Pretty Boy Floyd -Richie Havens: Nine Hundred Miles - Will Geer & Peter Fonda: I sold newspapers (Narration) -Joan Baez: Plane Wreck At Los Gatos (Deportee) - Peter Fonda: I took off (Narration) - Odetta: John Hardy - Will Geer: I hit Pampa (Narration) - Jack Elliott, Pete Seeger, Joan Baez, Earl Robinson, Country Joe McDonald & Arlo Guthrie: Hard Travelin' - Will Geer: '37 was a dusty year (Narration) - Richie Havens: Vigilante Man - Peter Fonda: The further west you walk (Narration) - Jack Elliott: 1913 Massacre - Arlo Guthrie: Do Re Mi - Will Geer: There's a whole big army of us (Narration) -Joan Baez: Pastures Of Plenty - Peter Fonda: The Pacific Northwest (Narration) - Earl Robinson & Pete Seeger: Roll On Columbia

#### CD 3: At The Hollywood Bowl, Part 2

Will Geer: Who made up this song? (Narration) - Odetta with Will Geer & Peter Fonda: Why Oh Why & A kid is... (Narration) - Earl Robinson: Mail Myself To You - Jack Elliott: Howdido -Peter Fonda: My body is naked (Narration) -Country Joe McDonald: Woman At Home - Will Geer: My ballad songs (Narration) - Pete Seeger: The Sinking Of The Reuben James -Will Geer: I hate a song (Narration) - Arlo Guthrie: Jesus Christ - Arlo Guthrie & Joan Baez (Background vocals: Odetta, John Pilla & Gib Guilbeau): I've Got To Know - Arlo Guthrie, Country Joe McDonald, Odetta, Joan Baez & Pete Seeger: This Train Is Bound For Glory -Peter Fonda & Joan Baez: I don't know what this stuff called time is made out of & Clara (Narration) - Full Cast: This Land Is Your Land So Long, It's Been Good To Know Yuh Interviews: Arlo Guthrie: "The only thing I really remember..." - Arlo Guthrie: "These events with a multitude of people..." - Judy Collins: "First of all, your mom..." - Jack Elliott: "I received an invitation..." - Jack Elliott: "I was very excited about the whole thing..." - Rick Robbins: "It was a mob scene..." - Rick Robbins: "When he came out..." - Judy Collins: "I was very nervous..." - Rick Robbins: "I was very moved by..." - Tom Paxton: "I was invited by..." - Tom Paxton: "We all went on stage together..." - Tom Paxton: "Oh, I look at pictures of me..." - Rick Robbins: "And then after the show was more memories..." - Phil Ochs: "The Woody Guthrie concert was my last straw..." - Arlo Guthrie: "The second time I had more of a hand..." - Country Joe McDonald: "Well at the rehearsal..." - Country Joe McDonald: "The soundcheck for the show I was sitting..." - Arlo Guthrie: "One of the great things..." - Arlo Guthrie: "I was with Warner Brothers at the time..." - Arlo Guthrie: "The records were made taking bits and pieces..." -Pete Seeger: "Woody Lives On É..." - Bob Dylan: Last Thoughts On Woody Guthrie

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