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A Celebration of American Roots Music
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French Azilum, PA

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DON SHAPPELLE AND THE PICKUPS

Don Shappelle returns to the SSSF for the second year with his band, The Pickups. Don has made writing and performing songs that are odes to the Susquehanna River his raison d'être, with the mission of drawing awareness to the beauty of the river, with the added goal of trying to keep it that way for future generations.

Don is a native of nearby Forty Fort, PA, and being one of the towns along the Susquehanna in the Wyoming Valley, it makes for a perfect focus of his music.

Don has performed with an icon of the singer/songwriter tradition, that being Pete Seeger. Seeger is a folk singer and troubadour with a cause known throughout the world for singing out the praises of American beauty in songs like, Sailing Down that Golden River, which is a tune of praise for the Hudson River. Don also performed with The Hudson River Sloop Singers and The Clearwater Group.

Bringing that blending of an environmental mission in song and verse gleaned from Seeger back to Pennsylvania has been at the core of Shappelle's musical journey.

So, with this being a year to celebrate the North Branch of the Susquehanna- being named "River of the Year" in PA, Don and his band are a perfect fit for the SSSF.

Don started his musical journey by studying classical guitar with Ferdinand Liva at Misericordia University in Dallas, PA. Don is well-known throughout the region for his live performances at many venues. He's been on WVIA-FM's Homegrown Music, hosted by George Graham more than 30 times.