

ROOM TO MOVE

FOLK, BLUES, AMERICANA, JAZZ & MORE



Playlist for: 20 May 2010

Presenter: Allan Sherringham



Featured Artist: Paul Siebel. Became folk icon. Obscurity beckoned.

Born in Buffalo, NY, in 1937, he was drawn to the Greenwich Village folk scene in 1962, following a stint in the army. Working in a pram factory at first, he finally hit the folk circuit in 1965. Initially, he performed only traditional folk material but gradually, inspired by Dylan, he wrote and sang his own. By the time he attracted the attention of Elektra Records' A&R men, he was doing all his own stuff. The two albums he recorded for Elektra (*Woodsmoke and Oranges*, 1970 and *Jack-Knife Gypsy*, 1971) became instant classics conferring on him a reputation as a songwriter's songwriter. (David Bromberg, Willy DeVille, Linda Ronstadt, Bonnie Raitt, Ian Matthews, Jerry Jeff Walker, Kate Wolf, Emmylou Harris, Waylon Jennings, and Leo Kottke would all record his songs.) Record sales however were relentlessly slow. Siebel eventually succumbed to depression and developed drug problems ("Why was I so dumb?" he would say later). He did not record again until 1978's *Live at McCabe's*, a largely disappointing set of songs half of which were covers, with no new originals. He has not recorded since and although performs occasionally, has written no more songs. He is currently said to be working for Maryland's parks and gardens and plays classical and jazz violin for pleasure. Most of his material was re-issued on CD in 1996, with a complete 2 in 1 re-issue (plus a previously unreleased track) released in 2004.

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Track	Artist/Band	Album
1. Spanish Johnny	David Bromberg	My Own House
2. Trampoline	Joe Henry	Trampoline
3. Lights of Devonport	Weddings Parties Anything	Luckiest Man (CD single)
4. We are Nowhere, and it's Now	Bright Eyes	I'm Wide Awake, it's Morning
5. Spider's House	Califone	Roots and Crowns
6. Heavy Storm	First Aid Kit	The Big Black and the Blue
7. Winners Lose	Herman Dune	Mas Cambios
8. Devil with the Blue Suede Shoes	Chuck E. Weiss	Extremely Cool
9. Long Way to Go with No Punch	Dirty Three	She Has No Strings Apollo
10. Acid Tongue	Jenny Lewis	Acid Tongue
11. You Holding	Fireworks Night	A Mirror, a Ghost (EP)
12. A Mirror, a Ghost	Fireworks Night	A Mirror, a Ghost (EP)
13. See My Friends	Richard Thompson	1000 Years of Popular Music (Live version)
14. Things Get Said	Anna Kashfi	Procurement
15. Buttons and Bows	Anna Kashfi	Procurement
16. The Lilly and the Brakeman	Molina and Johnson	Molina and Johnson
17. 34 Blues	Molina and Johnson	Molina and Johnson
18. Belle	Adelaide's Cape	Curled/Harbour CD single
19. Louise	Paul Siebel	Woodsmoke and Oranges
20. Bride 1945	Paul Siebel	Woodsmoke and Oranges
21. My Town	Paul Siebel	Woodsmoke and Oranges
22. If I Could Stay	Paul Siebel	Jack-Knife Gypsy
23. Honest Sam	Paul Siebel	Live at McCabe's
24. Time of the Last Persecution	Bill Fay	Time of the Last Persecution
25. Pictures of Adolf Again	Bill Fay	Bill Fay