



Fletcher Clark Biography

Singer-songwriter Fletcher Clark is influenced by the Texas artists for whom he has been sideman or producer. He writes in widely diverse musical genres, also strongly influenced by his longtime involvement with the Kerrville Folk Festival. In the 1970's, his Texas show band, *Balcones Fault*, brought diverse musics together for scores of sold-out shows at Austin's legendary concert hall Armadillo World

Headquarters (for which he was business manager and marketing director in its heyday).

Growing up in San Antonio, Fletcher began playing music professionally in high school. He attended Williams College in Massachusetts, with concentrations in Economics and Music Theory and Composition. As a boy, he developed a strong interest in Texas history, spending many mornings and afternoons at the Alamo and its grounds, right across from the old Medical Arts Building where his father and grandfather maintained their offices.

Residing now in Lockhart, just south of Austin, A. Fletcher Clark III has come home to Caldwell County, Texas. His namesake father and grandfather, Dr.'s A. Fletcher Clark Jr. and Sr. (both graduates of Tulane Medical School), were born in nearby Prairie Lea, his grandmother Bird Shanklin Clark in Fentress. He produces and hosts the highly successful *Evenings with the Songwriter* now in its fifth season at Lockhart's historic Dr. Eugene Clark Library (the oldest in Texas). He attends and regularly participates in the music of Emmanuel Episcopal Church (the oldest in Texas), and recently has published his Personal Hymnal, *Open Up the Doors*, and released a CD with the same title of twelve recordings from the collection.

As a performer, this singer-songwriter appears regularly at area listening rooms, events, festivals and house concerts, working solo or with the support of able sidemen. He is a career audio engineer (teaching for ten years at Austin Community College) and a producer with an extensive discography. Continuing in professional audio, his consulting business Sound Advice counsels clients on studio and venue design and acoustics, as well as offering trainings and workshops. He recurrently is a substitute teacher at nearby Luling High School.