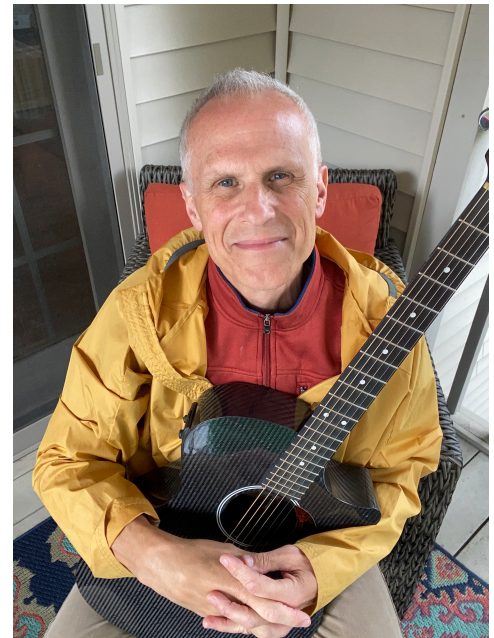


Spring 2024 Conference (April 15–17)—More News!

The Planning Committee is happy to welcome **Peter Mayer** to the spring conference. He will use his music and voice to address our theme, “Emergent Elderhood: Service Is our Prayer” on Mon., April 15, the first day of the event.

Peter Mayer has been singing and songwriting full-time for more than 20 years, performing in venues across the United States and beyond. He writes songs for a small planet—songs about interconnectedness and the human journey—songs about life on earth and the mysterious and wondrous fact of our existence. He also writes songs about dress hats, pumpkins and pajamas, and other important stuff.



Peter Mayer

His music has been performed by artists like Kathy Mattea, David Wilcox, Claudia Schmidt, Anne Hills, Priscilla Herdman, Darryl Purpose, Billy Jonas, and Ronny Cox. His work has been included in song books, church hymnals, and folk radio playlists across the country. He is the recipient of fellowships from the McKnight Foundation and the Bush Foundation.

Fred Small says of him, “Peter Mayer is one of the finest songwriters on the planet. His intricate guitar work, breathtaking imagery, and nature mysticism are balm for the weary soul. Don’t miss him.” And Janis Ian says, “I’m a huge Peter Mayer fan, but only when I don’t feel like killing him for being so good. I love Peter’s work, though it irritates me that he plays so much better than I do. If I rocked half as hard as Peter does, I’d own the world by now.”

Peter has eleven albums to his credit, and has sold over 100,000 of them. He lives in Stillwater, Minnesota, with his wife and two daughters. He is the composer of “Blue Boat Home,” a favorite in the supplement to *Singing the Living Tradition*. More information about Peter, recordings, and tour dates are available at www.petermayer.net.

The registration fee for the virtual conference is \$45.00 per individual. Scholarships toward the registration fee are readily available. To apply, send a message to RICHARD SPECK treasurer@uurmapa.org. Registration will open February first, so refer to this website for information after that date.