

# Bill & Eli Perras

## Americana Troubadours at Large



On most occasions when Bill & Eli perform at venues such as libraries, house concerts, listening rooms, churches and festivals, they share their original and inspiring musical compositions, but beyond that, their stories that they tell prior to presenting their music is one of the main reasons that their act stands out the most. Their stories of life are very sincere, but also have sharp twists of comedy that keep the audience at the edge of their seats, all the while entering audience participation into their act.

Besides entertaining and educating audiences, this veteran national touring folk music duo have used the power of storytelling as additional way to engage their audiences, so these days improvisational narratives have become second nature to them, and now expected from their ever-growing fan-base. Telling the stories behind their songs (in spoken word) prior to segueing into their original musical compositions is the main reason that Bill & Eli have gained notoriety throughout Florida, and beyond the Sunshine State.

With much inspiration from noted storytelling musicians such as John McCutchen, Roy BookBinder, David Holt, and especially the late, great Gamble Rogers (who was also a one of the people who inspired Bill as a finger-style guitar player), they speak out with strong heartfelt songs and stories against social injustices, corporate greed, and daily follies in everyday life. They can grip your heart, search your soul, change a mindset, or softly strike a funny bone, all the while leaving the audience with a sentiment for the common good we desire in all mankind.

These days, after performing over a thousands of shows that were hosted by producers of music in the folk music genre, there were several noted entertainers that are very involved in storytelling organizations who avidly prompted Bill & Eli to seek out storytelling organizations as a way to bring their songs and stories to a wider audience, other than to those who are tied into the folk music circuit. So, with Bill & Eli's additional plan of action, a new audience for them has been revealed to them, as they now seek out storytelling performance opportunities.

**Judge Nelson Bailey (noted Florida Storyteller)** - *"Wow ! Great show you two put on last night ! Eli, you have an exceptional stage presence that connects with impact and on a very personal level with every member of the audience. You and Bill complement each other on stage wonderfully well. To both of you I say: One of the best stage performances I've ever seen."*

Bill and Eli are available for house concerts, listening room and folk festival venues, with or without full band. For booking or general questions call (386) 747-9820 or email [hearusout@yahoo.com](mailto:hearusout@yahoo.com)

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