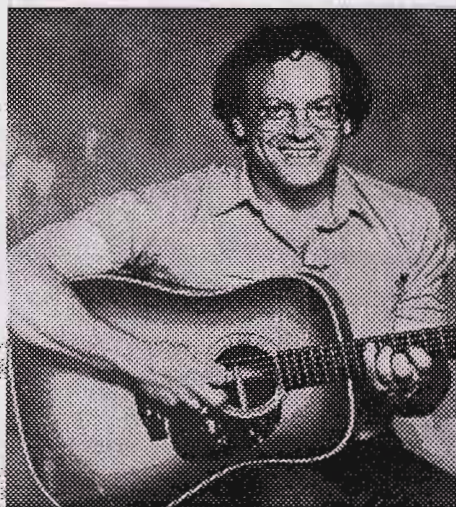


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present

Three-time National Flatpicking Champion

Steve Kaufman



with opening act
Ahead of the Beat

**Vassar Brothers
Institute Theater**

12 Vassar Street
Poughkeepsie, NY

**Saturday May 24, 1997
8:00 PM**

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PROGRAM

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8:00 Ahead of the Beat
8:45 Intermission
9:00 Steve Kaufman

ABOUT THE PERFORMERS:

Steve Kaufman -- the only three-time National Flatpicking Champion -- returns to his home state for his first Poughkeepsie appearance ever.

Born on April 20, 1957 in New York City, he was introduced to music by his parents. His father was a jazz pianist and his mother, a pianist classically trained. Steve began playing the piano at the tender age of four and later took up the cello. At 10, he started to play guitar, but lost interest after "strumming" a few years.

Fortunately though, Steve, at age 14 and reunited with his guitar, began "picking" and has not stopped since. Kaufman's diverse repertoire covers the range from bluegrass to swing, fiddle tunes to country classics. He has performed across the nation and around the world for over 20 years at bluegrass festivals, picking contests and for school children and college students.

Not content simply to perform, Steve has built a career teaching others how to make the most of their abilities on guitar (or mandolin for that matter). He writes instructional materials for **Mel Bay Publications** and works with **Homespun Tapes** in Woodstock, NY to produce instructional videos.

Kaufman's also runs a week-long Flatpicking Camp in Marysville, Tennessee that has proved quite popular. Two HVBA members, Rob Bradley and Mike Burns, attended the camp in 1996 and speak highly of the experience.

Steve has an assortment of CDs, cassettes, instructional videos, books and other goodies available, including his latest release, *Bullet Train*.



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