**David Wilcox**

***hope & bliss, brilliant guitar, and stirring vocals by a master songwriter***

*“David Wilcox’s ongoing musical journey is compelling and richly deserving of a listen.”*

— Rolling Stone

Cleveland-born David Wilcox is a father, a husband, a citizen and a songwriter. First inspired to play guitar after hearing a fellow college student playing in a stairwell, Wilcox is now 18 records into a career marked by personal revelation and wildly loyal fans. His lyrical insight is matched by a smooth baritone voice, virtuosic guitar chops, and creative open tunings, giving him a range and tenderness rare in folk music.

Wilcox released an independent album in 1987, was a winner of the prestigious Kerrville Folk Festival New Folk award in 1988, and by 1989 he had signed with A&M Records. His first release on the label, *How Did You Find Me Here*, sold over 100,000 copies the first year largely by word of mouth.

Considered a 'songwriter's songwriter', his songs have been covered by artists such as k.d. lang and many others.  In addition to his writing prowess, his skills as a performer and storyteller are unmatched.  He holds audiences rapt with nothing more than a single guitar, thoroughly written songs, a fearless ability to mine the depths of human emotions of joy, sorrow and everything in between, and all tempered by a quick and wry wit.

Reflecting on well over 20 years of record-making and touring extensively around the US and world, Wilcox says, “Music still stretches out before me like the head-lights of a car into the night.  It’s way beyond where I am, but it shows where I’m going.  I used to think that my goal was to catch up, but now I’m grateful that the music is always going to be way out in front to inspire me.”

**Workshops, Master Classes, and Residency Activities**

David teaches a variety of topics, including:

1. From seedling to fruition.  How to sustain creativity long-term. Practices for giving yourself permission to unblock and trust your creative imagination and nurture your startup ideas.
2. Running the long road.  Reframing adversity as if it were a spiritual workout. Finding the deeper reasons for choosing a humbling craft.
3. Listening as a leadership skill.  Developing access to your own inner GPS by bravely entering the quiet uncertainty where ideas begin.