

MARK MOONEY BIO

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Mark Scott Mooney is an Americana singer-songwriter and guitarist who has produced three studio albums. He may be best known in the Americana world for his 14-year stint on the air at storied KPIG radio in Freedom, California, a station credited with originally naming and classifying “Americana” as a singular genre. At KPIG radio, Mooney has interviewed, promoted and brought to the airwaves both new and legendary Americana talent. California born and bred, Mooney has deep ancestral roots in Hawai’i, where he currently resides and continues to host an Americana music program on KNKR radio.

Mooney is deeply inspired by his primary influences: the careful craft of Rodney Crowell and Guy Clark, the incisive lyrics of James McMurtry, and the expansive poetry of Joe Henry and Nick Drake. NPR describes Mooney’s sound as “soothing and cinematic,” “poetic without relying on cliches,” and “heartfelt and passionate.” His voice has been called reminiscent of Neil Young and Cat Stevens.

A seasoned performer, Mooney feels privileged to have shared stages with Little Feat’s Paul Barrere and Fred Tackett, Norton Buffalo, John Craigie, A.J. Croce, and Darden Smith, among many others.

Mooney’s third studio release in 2026, *Thirty Cent Gasoline*, is a deeply personal exploration of love and regrets, tranquility and hope. It brings together a wide-ranging collaboration of accomplished artists from his many years in Americana radio.

Mooney's passion is making his listener feel more deeply than words alone can convey. He hopes that you will find a welcoming community of the heart in his new release, *Thirty Cent Gasoline*.

Making the album was never about time frames or commercial success. It was never about trying to have a "hit single" or accolades from others. It is meant to be more a testament of one's life: the ups and downs, the ins and outs, the joy and pain, the fullness and ultimate mystery of it all. Mark Scott Mooney is honored to walk this path with his listeners.