

Biography – Dave Kilbank

Dave Kilbank fell in love with the 12-string guitar when he was 14 years old. He wrote his first song at 16, and has played and worked in the music business ever since.

Dave graduated from the Radio & Television Arts Program at Algonquin College, then embarked on a 27-year career in Radio and Music Production in Ottawa, Montreal, Calgary, Vancouver, and Nanaimo. He continued to write and record his own songs when time and money allowed, but he had to put his musical ambitions on hold in 1989 when his daughter was born with Mitochondrial Disease. She passed away at 16, and her final wish for her Dad was that he get back into his music. He made good on his promise by writing a song of tribute for her.

In 2006, Dave discovered Apple's GarageBand, and embraced recording at home with a passion. In three short years, he produced three CD's of his original songs - "Messenger", "Songwriter" and "Explorer" - plus a video for "My Song For Kira Dawn."

Then, in 2009, Dave met Paul Bezooyen of The Hermits Music, and began a creative partnership of writing and recording that resulted in two successful CD's - "Travelers" and "Fire On The Horizon" - plus several videos. This collaboration has grown into a group of local songwriters who contribute to each others' projects. Dave has produced CDs for Bob Enns, Pam Edgar, and Mary Faherty - plus he hosted The Songwriters' Circle on CHLY Radio in Nanaimo from 2012-2016.

Over the years, Dave has fine-tuned his production skills, along with his songwriting, and by 2019, he was ready for a new Solo CD. While recording 11 "young" songs, he realized that many of his "old" songs still had relevance, but needed some rejuvenating. So he decided to re-record 11 of those as well, and release the "Young & Old" together as a Double CD. There's a wide variety of songs - some are contemporary folk, some have a blues influence, some are beautiful love ballads, some are lighthearted ditties, and others have important messages - all featuring his lush 12-string guitar and strong vocals.