The Bob Livingston Bio

*“Bob Livingston tugged his cowboy hat, stuffed his jeans into his boots, hooked on his guitar strap and came onstage in Madras, India. “I’m here to play country music,” he said to the audience.*

*What country? That’s the question.”*

Mike Zwerin – International Herald Tribune

Singer-songwriter BOB LIVINGSTON has never been a traditional Texas country musician living the honky-tonk life even though he's spent more than his share of time on the roadhouse circuit with some of the most colorful and rambunctious musicians in Texas. As a member of Austin’s legendary Lost Gonzo Band, Livingston toured and recorded with such musical visionaries as Jerry Jeff Walker, Michael Martin Murphey, Ray Wylie Hubbard and many more. Livingston played an integral role in helping to create the music that first earned Austin the designation of “Live Music Capital of the World” and helps explain why he was recently inducted into “West Texas Walk Of Fame October, 2018.

Livingston has seen a lot of the world since growing up in musically fertile West Texas. Hailing originally from San Antonio, he moved to Lubbock as a boy where his interests turned more 'Cosmic' than 'Cowboy' and prompted him to delve into the music and mysteries of many cultures. Traveling since the 80’s as a Music Ambassador for the US State Department, Livingston has taken Texas music as far afield as India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Africa, Vietnam and the Middle East demonstrating again and again the unique power that music has to build bridges between peoples of the world. As Livingston says, 'When all else fails, music prevails'. These tours earned him the honor of being appointed, “Ambassador of Goodwill,” by the State of Texas and “Austin’s International Music Ambassador,” by the City of Austin.

This world-traveled view was reflected in Livingston's 2004 CD, *Mahatma Gandhi & Sitting Bul*l, a romp through juxtapositions of east and west. *Gypsy Alibi*, defined a new musical direction for Bob. Released in 2011 on New Wilderness Records, 'Gypsy Alibi' won "Album of the Year" at the Texas Music Awards 2011. His latest, Up The Flatland Stairs, was released in January of 2018.

These days, Livingston is a busy man. While playing over 150 shows a year, he is also managing to write a book for Texas Tech Press, play with a multi-cultural band from Texas and India called *Cowboys & Indians*, working on a documentary film of his exploits for the US State Department and playing in his newest group, the Lost Austin Band.

In a live performance with Bob Livingston, one finds a veteran singer-songwriter and a master storyteller who captures his audience from the first notes played. It's an irresistible invitation to travel down the cosmic musical highways and rutted back country roads where his rambles have taken him over the years. “What country? That’s the question.”

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