

## danny flanigan

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It's hard not to fall in love with danny flanigan. From the opening track, "Benjamin", about danny finding his way home to his young son; to the title song "Hope is a Word..."danny utilizes first-class production and a healthy respect for simplicity. His songs are the real deal; no pretentiousness, just solid lyrics with that trademark joyfulness that lies within each one.

Stacy L. Owen, Program Director, WFPK Radio Louisville

## biography

Louisville based poetically gifted singer/songwriter danny flanigan began playing guitar at the age of 9 and was playing professionally at age 17. His passion for music has led him to create scores of songs including 7 full-length albums. In 28 years he has given nearly 3,000 live performances mostly in the Midwest region as a solo artist but also in duo, trio, and quartet formats and with a full band.

danny studied music at Berklee College of Music in Boston and at the University of Louisville's School of Music.

The timeline goes something like: jamming with his older brothers in the living room - to early garage bands - to lead guitarist in working top-40 bands - to regional success with the 80's college touring band Hopscotch Army. Starting in 1990, danny methodically formed an impressively versatile band around his songwriting called The Rain Chorus (the name borrowed from a Kurt Vonnegut novel). What makes the band special is it's ability to play to danny's songs: from old-school folk - to modern singer/songwriter - to americana - to straight-up or even edgy pop/rock songs. The band isn't afraid to follow danny. And danny isn't afraid to follow the song.

The Rain Chorus are the featured musicians on all 4 of danny's previously released fully-produced albums: Sun over Rain (1993) – Greathouse (1995) – Vernon's Mud (2000) – Live Lunch (2003)

For the new release, Hope Is A Word, danny set out to make a singer/songwriter record (still fully produced) with a mostly acoustic/wooden/organic sound. The 12 tracks were selected because "these songs all belong together - in some way or another - they all contain the spirit of hope - of improving, fixing, bettering - in some way." The album was produced in Louisville by Danny Kiely and mixed in Nashville by David Henry (David Mead, Josh Rouse) with additional mixing by Grammy award winner Vance Powell. (White Stripes)

danny has performed with Bob Dylan, Shawn Colvin, Jonatha Brooke, the Wallflowers, Subdudes, Edwin McCain, Patti Griffin, Del Amitri, Tuck & Patti, Leo Kottke, Ellis Paul, Dan Bern, Leon Russell, Buddy & Julie Miller, the Replacements, Josh Rouse, David Mead, Jeff Black, Dana Cooper, Suzy Boguss and many others.

In support of Hope Is A Word, danny will tour the Midwest and the East Coast – anywhere a song can go – mostly in solo acoustic format.



hope is a word 2011



live lunch 2003



vernon's mud 2000



greathouse 1995



sun over rain 1993



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