

RAY KORONA & THE RAY KORONA BAND * MUSIC THAT MOBILIZES!

Ray Korona writes stirring songs about working, the environment, fighting the system and homelessness along with heartfelt songs of love, friendship and peace. A founding member of American Federation of Musicians Local 1000, Ray's songs vary from the satirical and topical to ballads, chorus and story songs. "Free Harbors" was a winner of the Mobilization for Survival's peace song contest. Another song, "Where Do We Go From Here?" sparked a New York Magazine cover story on the city's housing crisis. A health care rights song, "Send Me An Ambulance" was featured on national public radio and sung at major Jobs With Justice rallies. A song against child labor has been published around the world by the UN's International Labor Office and used in its work on this issue. In style, Ray's music is very diverse-- from French folk rock to traditional to contemporary acoustic.

Ray performs both solo and with a unique collective of musical organizers, **The Ray Korona Band**. The Band is a core group of musicians-- **Ivice** (harmonies & dulcimers), **Barry Kornhauser** (bass, cello & mandola), **Sharon Abreu** (harmonies & fiddle) **Ellen Davidson** (harmonies & piano) & **Gina Tlamsa** (harmonies, flute, mandolin) that works with a wide variety of players who bring racial, cultural and musical diversity to its work. Occasionally, guest musicians like **John McCutcheon**, **Barry Mitterhoff**, **Perry Robinson** & **Pete Seeger** sit in and record with the group as well. Ray has performed in concert with **Pete Seeger**, **Patti Smith**, **Harry Belafonte**, **Tom Paxton**, **Lucy Kaplansky**, **Richie Havens**, **Leon Rosselson** & others in concerts, coffee houses, demonstrations, labor events, environmental programs and folk festivals in NYC & around the country. Due to the topical nature of his material, Ray and the band are often in demand for conferences and college programs sharing the stage with speakers, including **Noam Chomsky**, **Amy Goodman**, **Greg Palast**, **Barbara Ehrenreich**, **Jim Hightower** & many more.

Comment: From a Fast Folk review of a Greenwich Village show: "The concert hall was packed to hear Ray Korona perform a well rehearsed, balanced program...refreshingly new...wonderfully perceptive and funny!" From a Sing Out! review: "Ray Korona's songs are empowering and fun!" **Pete Seeger** declares, "Wonderful songs! Ray Korona and band are great!" **Ramsey Clark** observes, "Terrific organizing music! People need to hear these songs." Songwriters Hall of Fame President **Oscar Brand** raves: "I think Ray Korona's terrific. I like his songs. I like his singing. I even like his glasses."

CDs & tapes: *The Safe Thing To Do* (includes peace song co-written & performed with **Pete Seeger**); *The People Are In Charge!*; *\$5 Working People's Music Tape* (new songs on current labor issues, also on CD); *A Friend Like You; It's Still the 60's* (as long as government and corporations keep beating us up!); *Free Harbors*; *Send Me An Ambulance* (cassette single in support of universal health care); *Fight the Contract on America and the Stars Who are Selling It!* (cassette with **Charlie King**), and *Sanctions* (CD single about the sanctions in Iraq and how they devastated the old, the sick and the children of that country). Some of Ray's songs are also featured on compilation recordings.

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